



St. Joseph's Pre-School Playgroup

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Newsletter Autumn 2008

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Welcome to the following children:

Leon Jackop
Hollie Carey,
Kasey Selmour,
Reuben Moorey-Denham,
Ethan Brooks,
Luca Ferma,
Oliver Jenkins,
Loic Guidote,
Miriam Matata,
Ellie Porter,
Serena Osman,
Erin Jackson
Niamh Durnin

... and to new staff members

Anita Morris joined the playgroup team at the beginning of term. The mother-of-two from Redhill previously worked at Nutfield Priory creche. She is very excited about her new role and is looking forward to getting to know the children and their families. In her spare time she is a keen Speedway fan!

Sarah Lee joined us in January. She qualified with an NNEB from East Surrey College in 1987, and has had numerous roles within early years education. Sarah has one daughter Katharine, who left playgroup last term before joining St Joseph's school in September.

The theme this term is:

Fairy Tales

Science Week

During the second week of term the older children have been enjoying science week, led by chemistry graduate Valerie Seymour. They have worked colour magic on felt pens; seen some surprising colour changes using purple potion; had fun with magnets; made raisins bounce and found where objects float in a "liquid cocktail". They have also explored gloop, soapflakes and flubber.

Our thanks to Valerie for giving up her time to enthuse the children and introduce them to chemistry.

We wish her luck as she embarks on a PhD in "Solid State NMR" at St Andrew's University.

Dates for your diary:

6th October: Tempest Photography

22nd October: Trip to "Discover"

24th October: Break-up for half term

3rd November: Playgroup re-opens

7th December: Christmas Fayre

17th December: Nativity Play (am children only)

18th December: Christmas Party (pm children only)

19th December: Christmas Party (am children only)
Playgroup closes for Christmas holidays

5th January 2009: Playgroup re-opens for Spring term



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Discover trip

On Wednesday 22nd October there is a trip to the **Discover** story museum in East London (www.discover.org.uk). This outing is for morning children only and involves travel on both train and Underground. It is important that as many parents as possible sign up, as such a trip requires *two* adults per child.

Parents may bring younger siblings but as we need to know how many this will involve, please let us know by 30th September if you are interested.

We aim to be back in Redhill by 4.30pm. Depending on numbers, the trip should cost no more than £10. Please note playgroup *will* be open as usual.

Water bottles

Can parents please be aware that water bottles should only contain water – and not squash or juice. Thank-you.

New-style Newsletter

In the interests of doing our bit for the environment, the St Joseph's Pre-School Playgroup Newsletter will now be available as an email! To make sure you receive your copy, please send your email address to: subscribe@stjosephsplaygroup.co.uk. But don't worry, you will still be able to find a copy on the notice board in the entrance hall. Also if you would like to advertise in or sponsor a newsletter please send your details to the above address.

That's mine

As children will be outside this term could all parents make sure coats and other belongings are all clearly named as it saves a great deal of time.

Playgroup Christmas Fayre 2008

Preparations are already under way for this year's Christmas Fayre. The big event takes place on Sunday 7th December in the Parish Centre directly after 10.30am Mass.

This is the single largest fundraising event in the playgroup calendar and we would ask everyone to take part – whether it be running a stall, helping to clean up or just coming along and spending lots of money!

To find out how you can help, please contact Tina Osman or a member of the fundraising team and please look out for forthcoming notices in the entrance hall.

Traffic layout

We have been asked to remind all parents that there is a new road layout at St Joseph's. Cars must use the entrance closest to the church and leave by the exit next to the playgroup. Many thanks.

Tempest Photography

There will be an opportunity to have your child's photograph taken on Monday 6th October between 9.15am and 11am. If your child is not scheduled to be at playgroup they are still welcome to come along to be photographed.



Pet plea

We are desperately in need of some kind person or people to come forward and take care of the fish. If anyone is interested please speak to a member of staff.

St Joseph's School Christmas Shopping Evening

Back by popular demand, St Joseph's School is holding its **Christmas Shopping Evening Extravaganza** on Thursday 6th November from 6pm to 9pm.

Featuring lots of fantastic stalls, including:

Jewellery
Canvasses
Children's toys and soft furnishings
Christmas Cakes and Puddings
Handmade Decorations

Admission £2.00 entitles you to a free tea or coffee and a ticket for the fabulous raffle. Hot soup and a roll and cakes will also be on sale if you need something to keep you going! Funds raised will help towards a new environmental area for the school. Venue is St Joseph's School, Linkfield Lane, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 2DU.
For more information telephone Anita on 07773 428456