

Oakmere 
Newsletter
Spring 2019

ST JOHN'S
NURSERY
PLAYGROUPS



St John's Methodist Church • Oakmere School

PLAYGROUP NEWS

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We would like to announce in November 2018 we received a telephone call from OFSTED to confirm their inspection the following day. We can now proudly confirm after a further full day inspection, ST Johns Nursery Playgroup Oakmere has been graded

'OUTSTANDING'. Please see report at <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/EY538419>.

We would like to thank both staff, families and their children for all of their support. We pride ourselves with putting both parents and Children first at whatever we do and this grading proves our hard work has now been recognised and is official.

Mobile Phones

Please be aware that as part of new statutory requirements, no staff or parents/visitors should use their mobile phones or cameras whilst on the playgroup premises

THE PLAYGROUP PREMISES INCLUDES BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE AREAS. The play group uses a mobile phone to communicate with parents and outside agencies only. We also use a digital camera to take photos of the children to evidence their individual learning for their learning journals. These photos are monitored and managed by the leadership team. Please note you will be asked to refrain from using your phone whilst on the premises. If you have any concerns regarding this ruling please speak with Mrs Alyson.



Dates for your Diary:

Micro marathon - Thursday 23rd
2pm

Inset Day - Friday May 24th

May half term - Monday 27th

May - Friday 31st May

Leavers party - Tuesday 2nd
July

Last day of term - Friday 19th
July



WELCOME BACK!

We would like to welcome the new children and families starting this term and also for those that have returned. We have a wonderful term to look forward to as we explore our new topic. We have recently welcomed two new members to our team that the children absolutely love named Bits and Bobs!! Please feel free to come in and say 'HI!!'.

FYI: We have currently moved into the classroom next door to our usual room due to maintenance being undertaken.



Lunchboxes:

Some parents have asked what sort of things can they put in their child's lunch boxes? As a setting we like to promote healthy eating and we ask that you do **NOT** include chocolate bars, sweets, fizzy drinks or anything that may contain NUTS. Can we also ask that parents name their child's lunch box and any boxes or bottles that may be inside them, that they would like to be returned.



THIS TERMS TOPIC: UNDER THE SEA

We have decided to focus on creatures under the sea. We have created a wonderful roleplay area where the children are able to explore various resources such as shells, a ball pond and counting fish. We have the opportunity to use our wonderful screen to look at real life under the sea creatures alongside



WOODLAND WALK:

This is a great experience for the children to explore a different environment. We are pleased to welcome parents to join us on the walks and without their support we are unable to provide this experience. If you are able to spare some time once a week, please speak to Mrs Keely. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to enable them to participate within our walks safely. We will provide sufficient warning to enable you to be prepared for our outings.



FACEBOOK:

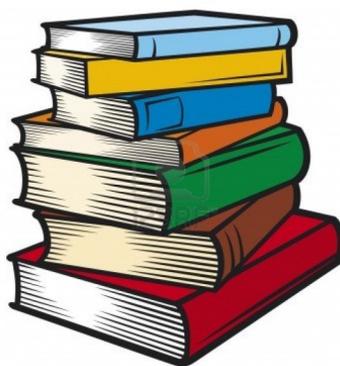
We are pleased that we have now created a Facebook page (black logo - St Johns at Oakmere) and regularly put up pictures of activities that we do, for you to see what we do at nursery.

Please follow and like our page.

Library Books

The library book borrowing scheme is well under way and we hope your children are keen to borrow a book that you can spend some valuable quiet time reading together with them. Could we ask you to ensure your child's book is

returned every week, to enable us to provide them with a new book each week. Your child's key worker will have a specific day each week when they will change their books, if you are not sure of this day please speak with



Song Sharing Scheme

We have also started a song sharing scheme, providing you with words of songs and nursery rhymes we sing with your child. Everyone will be given a folder and song sheets will be given out throughout the term. We have found with support from their familiar adult at home, children become more confident to participate within circle and music time which helps towards their development.

We welcome any donations of old clothing, as we currently have a short supply, especially bigger boys clothes.



WRAP UP WARM!!!

be allowed to explore our outside area whatever the weather.

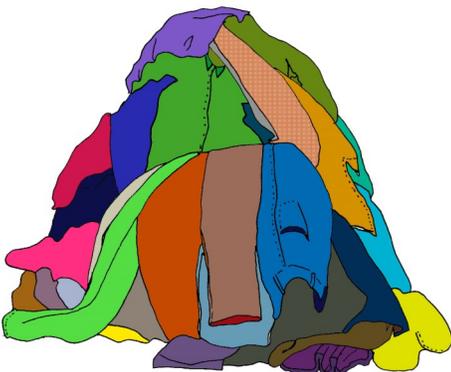
Clothing:

As the weather is becoming colder please can you ensure your child is dressed appropriately with warm clothing, hat and scarves. All children are to arrive at play-group wearing a warm winter coat as they will

Caption describing picture or graphic

CHANGE OF CLOTHES - Trousers, Tops, Pants/knickers, and SOCKS

We do love our messy play at play group and the children enjoy participating and involving themselves within our sensory and mark making experiences. So please can we ask you to bring a change of clothes for your child in a small bag (gym bags are ideal for hanging 'low' on the peg allowing room for the coat above). Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name. Almost all of the children wear our lovely uniforms now, so by ensuring all of their clothing is labelled, we are able to reduce the confusion of what item belongs to which child at the end of each session.



Notices and requests

Payment Of Fees

Cheques should be made payable to ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH, POTTERS BAR, please write your child's name on the reverse

We can also accept payment via BACS, the bank details are as follows:

CAF bank St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar

Sort Code: 40 52 40

Account No: 00021445

Nappies

If your child is wearing nappies, can you please make sure you provide enough nappies and wipes for the sessions they are attending.

Buggies and Prams

If you need to leave your prams at playgroup, there is a green plastic shed that is situated outside the main wooden gate where you can leave them at your own risk.

Fruit for snack time

Please can we ask all parents to provide a piece of fruit or vegetable, each week which will be shared with their friends at snack time.

Additionally, we provide carbohydrates such as bread, pita bread, crackers, cheese and a drink of milk or water is also provided.

Illness

Parents are asked to keep their children at home if they have an infection. Please also keep them at home for 48 hours from the last bout of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, you must inform the play group as to the nature of the infection/illness.