

# Queens Road Playgroup

## Newsletter

### January 2012



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to playgroup and a special welcome to all the new children and parents who have joined us this term.

Should you have any queries or concerns about your child or playgroup please let me know, so we can resolve the matter as soon as possible.

#### Naming of childrens belongings

Please can you name all of your child's clothes, jumpers, coats, bags, water bottles, lunch boxes, shoes, wellies etc. This makes it a lot easier for us to find each child's belongings.

Thank you for your help

#### Safety reminders

A reminder that the school car park is for staff only. Parents should park out in the road when dropping off and collecting there child from playgroup.

Can we please ask that you help us to encourage the children to walk up and down the ramps at playgroup. I have put up some safety signs on the ramps please take the time to read them and help us to keep your children safe.

Thank you for your help

#### Children's books

If you would like to see how your child is getting on, their individual record books are available for you to take home. Please let me know when you drop your child off and I will try and have the books ready for you when you collect your child.

I am sure you will find them a good read!

We have included a sheet at the front of the book for your comments and would appreciate you sharing these books with any other childcare provision your child attends.

#### Helping at playgroup

We always welcome an extra pair of hands. Once your child has settled in to playgroup, if you would like to come in and help, please let me know.

#### Family photo sessions

Lisa (Porto's Portraits) will be coming to playgroup on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March to take photographs of the children and their families. Should you wish to book an appointment please let me know. There is a appointment booking form in the hallway at playgroup.

#### Travel plan

Please find with this newsletter a questionnaire regarding how you travel to and from playgroup. These form part of our travel plan.

I appreciate all the time that goes in to filling in these questionnaires.

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The playgroup will be 50 years old this year so we are hoping to do some celebrating. We thought it would be nice to organise a family funday and the school have said we can use the school and grounds. Would you like to help organise this event? If so please let me know. We thought if we could get a few parents to help and all the staff then we could have a meeting to discuss dates etc.



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### Sensory Garden

We are hoping to begin to develop a sensory garden this term. We are going to need some:

- wind chimes, wind socks etc to hang in the trees.
- A big stainless steel sphere
- A small water feature(solar powered)
- Large flower pots/troughs or wood to make some large planters.
- Bags of soil/compost
- Plants that smell eg herbs, mint
- Plants that flower
- Evergreen plants
- Anything you think may be good in a sensory garden

Yours sincerely,

Judy Porto  
**Manager**

It maybe that you would be able to donate a bag of soil, donate a windchime or maybe a small donation towards the cost of something for the garden.

When we have collected enough resources we will arrange a Saturday or Sunday to come in to playgroup to start putting it all together. We would then need some volunteers to help with this.

Any help we can get with this will be greatly appreciated

Thankyou for your continued support

### **Holiday and term dates**

#### **Spring 2010**

**First day of term:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012

**Half term week:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

February

**World book day:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 everyone to dress up as book character.

**Last day of term:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Further dates to follow