



### Autumn Newsletter

The theme this half term will be 'All around us' where the children will be learning about playgroup and our surrounding area by talking about what they see and by encouraging them to collect items found in the environment.

#### Week 1                      8<sup>th</sup> September

This week we welcome back those children who were with us last term and say hello to those starting for the first time. We would also like to welcome Sarah Robinson who has joined our staff as a replacement for Deidre Denham who retired last term. The children will be learning and familiarizing themselves again with the playgroup routines this week. During the next couple of weeks your child's keyworker will introduce themselves to you and ask you to complete a short profile form with them about your child.

#### Week 2                      15<sup>th</sup> September

We will talk about how we should care for playgroup equipment and help with tidying things away and about sharing with other children.

#### Week 3                      22<sup>nd</sup> September

This week we will be encouraging the children to talk about and draw their own homes and who lives with them and also look at the different types of homes there are.

#### Week 4                      29<sup>th</sup> September

We are visiting Riverside Church on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We will meet at the church at 10.15am. All children are welcome to this and must be with their parent/carer throughout. Chris Husk will be doing a short service for us and the children will be singing some of the songs they have been learning. Refreshments will be available. Could you please bring a small donation of fruit /vegetable please? We will finish a approximately 11.30am.

#### Week 5                      6<sup>th</sup> October

We will be talking about what is around our local area and about getting about safely and we will use play to practice road safety. We are holding a fund raising event this weekend and hope you will be able to support this. It is a charity auction to be held at the Portbyhan Hotel West Looe on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm.

#### Week 6                      13<sup>th</sup> October

We will be reading and acting out 'Were going on a Bear hunt' and talking about where different animals live. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> the photographer will be visiting the group to take pictures of the children for you to purchase if you wish to. If your child does not attend on a Monday but you wish to have their picture taken please let a member of staff know. Usually it can be arranged that they get them taken first at the beginning of the session.

The animal man will be visiting us again during the morning session on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and this session is open to all children even if your child does not usually attend that day. There will be no session that afternoon.

#### Week 7                      20<sup>th</sup> October

One morning this week we hope to be able to go out on a nature walk [details to be arranged]. The children will be encouraged to bring in 5 treasures that they have found in their garden or outside to look at with the rest of the group and display at playgroup.

Playgroup closes this Friday for half term and reopens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

We will be holding our Halloween disco during the half term. Please look out for posters nearer the time giving full details.

Finally, thank you to all those parents doing extra duties this half term. We try to ensure new children's parents are not included on the rota until their child has settled into playgroup so this first half term is always difficult to cover. Your help in covering this period is appreciated.