**Newsletter February 2019**

**Term Activities**

**Week 5:** Chinese New Year planned by Rebecca

**Week 6:** Valentines planned by Freya

**Term 4**

**Week 1:** All about me Planned by Sara

**Week 2:** World book day & Shrove Tuesday planned by Claire. Children are welcome to dress up.

**Week 3:** Communities andFestivals Planned by Carolyn

**Week 4:** Birthdays & PartiesPlanned by Freya & Alison

**Week 5:** Mother’s Day Planned by Rebecca

**Week 6**: Easter Planned by Jo & Caroline

**Term Dates 2018-2019**

Term 1: 4th September - 19th October 2018

Term 2: 29th October - 20th December 2018

Term 3: 8th January - 15th February 2019

Term 4: 25th February - 5th April 2019

Term 5: 23rd April - 24th May 2019

Term 6: 3rd June - 19th July 2019

**Mother’s Day invitation**

To celebrate Mother’s Day, we would like to invite all of our lovely Mummy’s and Grandmothers to our setting for Tea & cake on **Wednesday 27th March at 11.00am.**

Rebecca is planning some lovely activities throughout the week. An invitation will be sent home with RSVP on it. Please return it to ensure we have enough Cakes! Invitations to follow nearer the date.

**Contacting Playgroup**

If any parents need to contact playgroup with any questions or to **inform us if your child is** **ill,** Call the office by 8.00am on 01285 868235 or 07821141579

**PE Sessions**

The children will be going to the sports hall on the following dates.

**February**

Thursday 7th

Friday 15th

Monday 25th February

**March**

Tuesday 5th March

Wednesday 13th March

Thursday 21st March

Friday 29th April

Monday 6th April

**Small group activities**

Each day a staff member takes a small group of children to a quiet area to participate in small group activities. This enhances the children’s individual skills. For example: turn taking, sharing, next steps, listening and development in all areas across the early year’s foundation stage.

Week 1: Jo – Understanding the world

Week 2: Sara – Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Week 3: Rebecca – Physical development

Week 4: Claire – Mathematics

Week 5: Carolyn – Communication & Language

Week 6: Freya – Expressive art and design

**New opening hours**

As you may be aware, we are extending our opening hours from Monday 25th February. Our new hours will be from 08.00am-17.30hrs. Term time only to start with.

We will be offering breakfast at 08.15. This will be included in our usual cost of £3.90 per hour.

In addition to these extended hours our usual session times will still be an option.

If you are interested please ask a staff member for a slip to complete.

We really want this to work but obviously it will need to be viable.

We are hoping that this will support working parents within our setting.

**Staff Training**

Carole & Claire have attended their first 6 hours to update their **First aid.** Their second session is on Saturday 9th February.

Sara and Freya are attending training this week on **Musical development.**

Freya and Carolyn are going on training for an **Introduction to Autism in Children**.

Freya and Carole are also attending training on **Autism in children-Managing Behaviour**