



# Panda Playgroup, Sticky Mitts & Tiny Tots

# newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

## Term dates

**Break up:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**Return:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Break up:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**Return:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Message from your committee:** We hope your children are settling back into their Panda, Sticky Mitts and Tiny Tots sessions after the summer break and we particularly welcome any new starters.

Our open evening and AGM is coming up on 17<sup>th</sup> October, to which all parents are warmly invited. We are always keen to welcome new members to the parent committee and fundraising team so please contact us on [pandaplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pandaplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk) if you'd like to talk to someone about this or find out more. We hope to see you soon.

If your little one attends sessions at the Methodist hall and you would be interested in seeing what Panda playgroup has to offer please have a chat with Rosie or just to come and have a look at the lovely set up at Howell Hall.

## Panda news

**Message from Lynne and Rosie :** Welcome back to our new big panda's. The older children have gone on to school and we give a big welcome to our new pandas, Seb, Archie, Nikolai, Eddie, Zach, Ellianna, Isla, Ramiro and Zach, the pandas who have joined us have settled in brilliantly!

**Planning-** We have started using in the moment planning this term, every child will be a focus child once each term, this means we will ask you as parents for a little input to help us provide your little pandas with the best possible opportunities, so please can you return the forms you get given from your key person when your child's turn comes round.

**This term-**We will be looking at autumn, Halloween, bonfire night and Christmas over the full term.

**Clothing and Footwear-**Now the weather is changing we do please ask that you can provide suitable clothing, welly boots, hats and scarves, water proof coats and a spare pair of clothes (or two) would be really helpful. Could we please ask that you try to send your children in suitable clothes for playing in also, ones that you don't mind getting messy and that are also easy to access for your children to learn independence in getting dressed etc.

**News-** The back gate will be open from 8.45 in the mornings for safety reasons and the door will open at 8.55am, and remember we operate an open-door policy, so if you would like to come in and have a chat please feel free!

We do have a notice board inside pandas sharing what we have been up to during the week and also one outside the gate too please take the time for a read!

We will be holding parent consultations the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November, details to follow, and Christmas Nativity will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, times tbc.

We are looking at making some hand print or self-portrait bags for life and Christmas cards, if these would be of interest to you please see a member of staff for more details.

## Ideas spot

Collect different leaves that fall off the trees and talk to your child about what patterns they see on leaves, how do they feel, what colour are they?

Why not have some paper and crayons and colour on top of the leaf to reveal the pattern. What about other patterns they may find in their environment?

### Happy birthday to:



Reuben (4)	Evie (4)
Johnny (4)	Anya (4)
Mila (4)	Leo (4)
Bea (3)	Rose (3)
Isla (3)	Laura (3)

### Welcome to our new Panda friends:

Nikolai, Archie, Ramiro, Ellianna, Isla, Sebastian, Edward

### Request for resources

Any empty kitchen rolls, junk modelling resources, empty hand wash dispensers of herb and spice jars gratefully received!

**SECURITY** - thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring the gate remains closed when arriving and leaving the playgroup.



# Tiny Tots and Sticky Mitts

Hello everyone and welcome back to the Autumn Term at Sticky Mitts and Tiny Tots.

For those of you who come regularly you will more than likely know that Rosie (deputy manager at panda playgroup) is running the Monday session and Juanita runs the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions. The Monday and Wednesday sessions are both all age sessions now so please spread the word. The Tuesday session is birth to 18month. It would be really great if we could welcome some new mums, dads and babies so please share with anyone you know who may be interested. Rosie has tried to incorporate a little taste of panda playgroup in the Mondays sessions by adding a tuff tray which will be full of messy or tactile activities each week as well as ensuring painting, sticking and play dough is always at hand to play with! If you have any suggestions or ideas please feel free to share, we always welcome feedback and love new things to try!

With it coming up to Halloween, bonfire night and Christmas we will have lots of lovely activities set up and will be practicing our Christmas songs before you know it to bring you into the festive spirit!!

Finally just a huge thank you to everyone who attends regularly, we have some fabulous parents and children at the groups, and we could not stay open without you so THANK YOU!

## Dates for your diary / fundraising

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 8pm** Open Evening and AGM

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November** Whitebox photography session

**Monday 18 December** Sticky Mitts and Tiny Tots Christmas Party – all Sticky Mitts / Tiny Tots little ones welcome!

**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> 1pm** Playgroup Nativity

## Getting in touch

For

- General queries to the Committee  
[Pandaplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Pandaplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk)
- **Childcare issues** contact Lynne Selby on the Panda Phone 07716 653801
- **Changes to sessions**, e.g. change of days/extra days, please speak with Lynne Selby or email [pandaplaygroupadmissions@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pandaplaygroupadmissions@yahoo.co.uk)

## Fundraising news



### WHITE BOX PHOTOGRAPHY

Booking is now open for our annual White Box Photography sessions. This will take place on Saturday 18th November in the Methodist Hall, Copmanthorpe from 9am-5pm.

White Box was born out of a passion for children and family portraiture. For each 15 minute slot you can choose your own style, and have your photos taken how you prefer, relaxed and informal, traditional poses, or even bring your favourite toys.

You will receive a CD with 20 copyright free images of your shoot to do whatever you choose with. Straightforward prints, personalised gifts, family calendars are just a few popular ideas.

Each slot can be booked for up to 5 people, larger groups would need to book multiple slots to allow time regroup and take different poses.

The cost of each 15 minute session is £28 and full payment is required to secure your slot.

This has been a very popular event in previous years, so booking will be open to Panda parents and families exclusively for a short while, and I know many of you will be keen to take the opportunity to book early.

To book and for any other information contact Bec on 07905187542 or [bexxter@icloud.com](mailto:bexxter@icloud.com)

### RAFFLE TICKETS

Panda Children will be bringing home books of raffle tickets to sell from November for our annual Christmas Grand Draw, prizes to be confirmed. Please can you sell as many as you can as this is our main fundraising event of the year. Any donations towards it are gratefully received, and if any parents work for companies that donate please let us know do we can ask!

**Fundraising target for 2017/2018 £5,000**

**Still to raise this year: £5,000**



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