



Panda Playgroup, Sticky Mitts & Tiny Tots

Newsletter

Spring Term 2018

Term dates

Break up: Friday 9th February

Return: Monday 19th February

Break up: Friday 23rd March

Return: Monday 9th April

Message from your committee: We hope your children are settling back into their Panda, Sticky Mitts and Tiny Tots sessions after the Christmas break... which does feel like a life time ago now!!

The committee will be hosting a coffee morning at the Methodist church in Copmanthorpe on Saturday February 10th, 2018. 10am till 2pm. All welcome so tell your friends and we could really use some volunteers so if you can help with that please let us know!

Our next committee meeting of the new term is coming up on February 20th, to which all parents are warmly invited. We are always keen to welcome new members to the parent committee so please contact us on pandaplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk if you'd like to talk to someone about this or find out more. We hope to see you soon.

Panda news

Message from Lynne and Rosie: Welcome to the New Year and the spring term. The older children will be preparing for the transition to school in the next few months. We will be working with the teachers in preparation for this. The teacher's do ask that you look at the top ten tips for school readiness, this will be available to look at in Pandas and if you require a hard copy please ask a member of the Panda team!

Hopefully in the next few months we will be seeing some warmer weather, but at the minute we do still ask if you can provide hats, gloves, coats and outdoor shoes as the weather is still very temperamental!! Also, if you can send a bag with spare clothes in too as we do love our messy play at pandas!!

We recently received a generous donation of funding from the coop, with this we have invested in lots of new equipment for the little pandas, this includes a fabulous new water tray and water wall, some bricks and a cement mixer and a new trolley for the children to access resources themselves! We also have some new technology which include some toy mobile phones and magnifying glasses that we can record into!

We have been focusing on phonics and rhyming at circle times, this has included our new favorite rhyming game "silly soup"

This game can be played at home you just need a pan, a spoon and some objects that rhyme! We sing the song "we're making lots of silly soup, we're making soup that's silly, we're going to cook it in the fridge, to make it nice and chilly!" each time add an item to the pan and repeat the song! At the end you can have lots of fun matching the objects that rhyme! Have a go at home and let us know what your little pandas find that rhyme at home!



Tiny Tots and Sticky Mitts

"Hi everyone and welcome back to the Spring Term at Sticky Mitts and Tiny Tots"

We just want to say a huge thank you to our lovely parents that come to the sessions regularly! The sessions on a Tuesday have really picked up and now have a lovely set of parents and babies who attend. The taster sessions have been a big hit too! There are still more to come, please pop into the Methodist to check out the dates and times.

Please remember to spread the word about the sessions, we would love to welcome some new faces over the coming months! As well as this please like and share the Facebook page, one of the fabulous mums from one of the sessions has kindly made a page specifically for sticky mitts, take a look and share, share, share!!

Ideas spot

Why not go on a shape hunt! Its easy find lots of different shapes around us and lots of fun too!

Happy birthday to:



Felicity (3)
Enid (4)

Milo (3)
Nikolai (4)

Request for resources

Junk modeling resources, twigs and pinecones.

Facebook!!

Please check out the panda Facebook page for regular updates and info! Remember to like and share with all your friends to spread the word! Pandas has some vacancies still available and are taking on new children now and September!

Mini Fundraising:

We have just completed our Valentines raffle, thank you to everyone who took part and watch this space for Easter...every little helps!!