

## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013

The last one for this year and a lot of info to take in – you ready??

Summer trip This year we are off to Woodland adventure just the other side of Melksham. For those of you who have not been it is a facility to teach our kids how to enjoy the great outdoors, with camp fires, toasted tea cakes/ marshmallows on sticks, and other bush crafting skills! They will get dirty! There will be mud and grass stains!! Please bring them appropriately attired, hats, boots, sturdy shoes, no crocs, sandals or pretty dresses you don't want wrecked. THE CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH. There are loos but compostable ones, eco friendly. Parking is limited so please could as many of you car share as possible. Liz will be putting up a sheet soon to that very end.

Playgroup always pay for the children to attend the summer trip which is £7.50 per child and free for adults, so feel free to bring granny. In previous years we have also paid for the Big yellow Bus, but as we are watching the pennies a bit and the venue is so close we are asking for car share as previously mentioned. Please shout out to staff if you want to be matched up with someone.

You may naturally want to take photos when you are there, which is great, but please be advised we now have a policy to ensure that no photos of other children must be posted on facebook. This is in line with current guidelines from the relevant authorities.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 8pm- Staff and parents trip to the Barge Inn at Seend Cleeve. We warmly invite all parents/ carers and staff for our annual (summer!) evening to tut' pub. As we wind down for the year, it is a great time to say goodbye to those moving on and to welcome new people into the fold. Sign up on the sheet when you see it on the board, feel free to have just a drink, or a meal, it is an informal gathering and we would love to see you there. Ask if you would like to be matched up with someone who may be driving there.

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July – end of term party As Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> is a TD day, we have our leaver's party on Tuesday when everyone is invited to come and bring their teddy and a picnic. We have a sports coach coming from 9.30-10.30 to tire us all out and then a short presentation of books to those big children going on up to school. After this we have an outdoor picnic before breaking up. Feel free to bring relatives, remember the previous point about Facebook please.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> is a TD day so we will be opening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Remember to make sure you have signed up the days you want your child to attend in the new academic year. We will be having a change to the policy in September, asking people to give us a month's notice to any changes in days attended and grant/fee changes.

We will also be making a fee increase from September of 25p per hour to £3.25. We have not increased the fees in 2 years, and as a charity we do keep these to a minimum, but we are incurring price rises which we will need to pass on, we hope you understand. As ever, if anyone is having trouble paying their fees, please make sure you talk to the Admin officer, Jacqui Hart, or e-mail [seendplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:seendplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk) so we can make arrangements to help you. We often have people who have difficulties or changes in circumstances and we have systems in place to help if you let us know you need it.

There will also soon be a new website, which we hope to have up and running in the summer, be sure to let us know what you think, and signpost friends to it if they are thinking of sending their children to a setting soon.

Seend fete on August 10<sup>th</sup> – there will be no float this year as decided by the Lye Field committee. We were asked to do a craft stall, but on reflection from last year, we have opted to run a tattoo stall. Please look out for the sign up sheet where we ask for people to donate ½ hour of their time to help. The money raised goes towards the building and upkeep costs, so it benefits us directly.

Thanks for being involved, don't forget, without a committee we can't open, so please get involved.  
See you in September

Love from Seend Playgroup and the committee.

Vive la Soleil!!!!