

# Linton Granta Playgroup

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News Letter

March 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back after the half term break. I hope you have had a peaceful and restful time with your families and friends.

The bikes have been purchased with the money that was raised from the Christmas Raffle. If you would like to have a look, they are normally out on the veranda most days.

The jumble sale that was held on Saturday 17th January raised a **WHOPPING £263**, which will go towards our end of year trip. A massive thank you to those of you who supported this event – it will be booked in our diary for next year!

Please, if you haven't already done so, can you return your child's Summary to their Key Person as soon as possible.

Please can I draw your attention to the Diary Dates section of this newsletter. If you would like a copy of the term dates for the remainder of this academic year, please speak to me. I am currently working on the academic dates for 2015/16!

Thank you to those of you who were affected by Playgroup having to close due to the lack of heating. You all arrived promptly to pick up your child and you all were very understanding of the situation.

This is a short half term, 5 weeks, please can you adhere to any deadlines that we set as this makes our planning easier. Thank You.

If you have any questions about anything at any time, PLEASE, come and speak to us.

As always, Thank you to you all for your continued support, it is very much appreciated by us all,

Thank You

*Karen*



The  
co-operative  
food

We continue to thank  
co-op  
for their donations  
of tea, coffee, sugar  
and juices

## Change of contact details –

Please can I urge you to let us know as soon as possible if you, either change your address or change your contact details. Also, please bear in mind if one of your Emergency Contact details change, we need to know that too. A form has been introduced for such an occasion and will be placed in the yellow zipper wallet on the table in the main entrance along with the Bumps & Upsets form, Child Collection and Planned Absence forms. If you are unsure of who you have nominated to be your Emergency Contacts, please ask us as it is vitally important that this information is correct.



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## Pre – Schoolers Corner:

We have started separate registrations for our pre –schoolers who are going to school in September. This helps with the transition to school. Listed below are the activities we will be doing with them this half term:

w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Taking the register and Mark Making activities.

w/c 02<sup>nd</sup> March – Taking the register and Mark Making activities.

w/c 09<sup>th</sup> March – Taking the register and Practising getting in and out of PE Kits.

w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March – Taking the register and PE Activities.

w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Taking the register and Moving to music in PE Kits.

You are more than welcome to come in, any morning, to observe the registrations taking place.



## Dance Lady:

We have a new dance lady, Natalie Faulkner, who comes in once every half term to do a dancing session with the children. The session lasts 45 minutes and is always relevant to our planning theme and it covers a lot of areas of learning for the children, Physical Development, Understanding the World, Communication, to name a few. Natalie has very kindly taken the decision to not invoice us for her time, instead would like to use the opportunity to raise much needed funds for Linton Granta Playgroup. Therefore, £1 of your £2 donation goes to Linton Granta Playgroup to purchase resources for your children and the other £1 is given to Natalie to cover her costs. We hope this explains to you why we ask for a donation of £2.

## FUND RAISING:

The children will be collecting pennies and small change from now until after Easter. They then plan to write out the playgroup name, at LVC, with all the coins collected. They would be very grateful of additional donations, Sweet Talk News and the Post Office have collection boxes too.



## Housekeeping:

We would really appreciate it if you could name all your child's clothing including coat, hat and scarves. It helps us to give the correct clothing to the correct child, especially at the end of the day when there may be up to 16 children that we have to match items of clothing to the right child. Many thanks.

## Key Dates:

**Friday 13th March** – Special Persons Afternoon Tea to celebrate Mothers Day. Details to you soon!

**Monday 27th April** – Parent Consultations

**Friday 01<sup>st</sup> May** – Maypole and picnic, details to follow.

**Friday 19th June** – Special Persons Breakfast to celebrate Fathers Day

**Friday 03rd July** – Sports Day – This is to be confirmed

**Monday 13th July** – End of Year Trip – This is to be confirmed

**Wednesday 22nd July** – End of Year Party and Graduation.

If you would like 2015 term dates, please speak to Karen who will be happy to email them to you.

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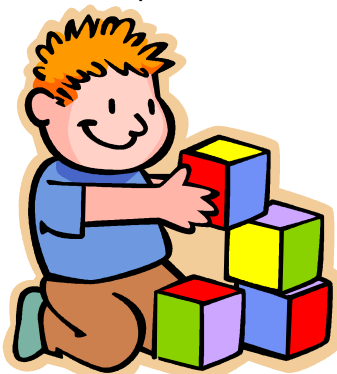
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## Linton Granta Playgroup Activity Planner – January 2015

Every six weeks we look at each child's learning journey and plan activity's to meet each child's needs and next steps. Each area of learning and development must be implemented through our planning to provide a rich learning environment.



### Prime areas of learning

#### COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

- ✓ Join in with favourite songs (Hello song, Days of the week)
- ✓ Help children understand that own actions affect other people and become aware of boundaries set and behavioural expectations in the setting.
- ✓ Listening and speaking games ensuring the needs of children learning English as an additional language are met.

#### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Help with clothing, dressing and undressing (preparing for school).
- ✓ Encourage children in their efforts show them how to put on coats /shoes/ do up buttons.
- ✓ letting them have a go first.

#### PERSONAL SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Have pride in their own achievements.
- ✓ Turn taking and sharing activities.
- ✓ Making our own choices and showing independence.

### Specific areas

#### LITERACY

- ✓ Look at familiar books and listen to favourite stories at group time.
- ✓ Use story sacks with props and puppets.

#### MATHEMATICS

- ✓ Recognise numerals in our surroundings.
- ✓ Grouping, sorting and arranging toys with purpose.

#### UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

- ✓ Look at the changing weather outside (looking for signs of spring, plants growing).
- ✓ Visits to the village looking at the surroundings.

#### EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

- ✓ Explore texture and malleable materials.
- ✓ Enjoy being creative and use our imaginations.