



# Withycombe Raleigh Playgroup

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WHAT STARS YOU ALL WERE FOR OUR NATIVITY DAY!

SPRING TERM (1) 2018

## THIS TERM:

Welcome back to a busy Spring Term, Christmas already feels ages away! Here is the focus of our planning for your children this Spring Term

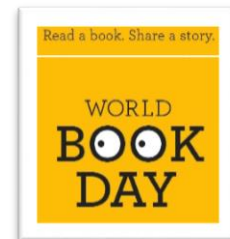
- Winter, snow, ice & animals
- **HEALTHY EATING** – including cooking
- **Food from around the world**, trying different foods and learning how we may have different weather and speak differently
- **Book week** – parents welcome to come in and read, children can dress up and bring in their favourite book
- **KEEPING HEALTHY & ACTIVE** – we'll end the term learning about exercise, talking about our hobbies and different sports and learning about how our bodies need to move and the effects of this

If any of you have any particular knowledge in the above areas, or know someone who does, we'd love to hear from you!

Invoices have been issued (thanks to those who have already paid), and funded hours will be claimed w/c 15th Jan. ANY CHANGES TO HOURS MUST BE WITH 6 WEEKS NOTICE. We always have space to extend your child's day. Breakfast Club runs from 8am daily and can be booked as a one off.

### HEALTHY EATING

Towards half term we'll begin our new topic, 'Healthy Eating'. The children will be learning about healthy foods, what is good for us and what is not, how food makes us grow big and strong. We'll incorporate our cooking week into this topic and will be more adventurous with our snack time, we'll let you know how you can help with donations. We will have lots of resources for you to take home, useful info on healthy eating and advice for packed lunches. We are updating our food policy and will be sending home a brief survey which we would be grateful for your views to feed into this.



We'll be having a whole BOOK WEEK, from Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Children may come dressed as their favourite character from a book and/or bring in a book they love to share with us on any day. We would like you to come in and read with our children in our book corner – anytime during that week – go on, you can spare half an hour! Any family member welcome, more info nearer the time.



Please check our Facebook page – it is our easiest way to update you on what we're up to or remind you about upcoming events. No need to be on facebook, it's a public page (we never show your children's faces), so check it out!

# EASTER FUN

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 10-12 noon**

A morning of Easter crafts and games for all the family, meet us at the fallen tree in Phear Park in your Easter Hats!

Follow the Easter Bunny back to the Playgroup Hall and enjoy the activities laid on for you.

There will be a small entry charge to cover the cost of the activities, and refreshments will be available to buy.



**BREAKING NEWS.....**

*Wednesday afternoons will be available soon! We are pleased the Church Committee have agreed to us booking the Hall on a Wednesday Afternoon giving us four full days 8am – 3pm*

## TERM DATES:

**SPRING TERM 2018**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – first day back  
Half term week – w/c 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – last day

**SUMMER TERM 2018**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – first day back  
May Day – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May (bank holiday)  
Half term week – w/c 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July – last day

**AUTUMN TERM 2018**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September – first day back  
Half term week – w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – last day

Dates through to July 2019 are on our website

FEES for unfunded hours are £4 per hour, invoiced termly

Any reduction of hours or withdrawal or a child requires 6 weeks' notice (as per our charging policy) otherwise fees are payable



**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**7.30 for an 8pm start**

**EVERYONE VERY WELCOME, BRING YOUR FRIENDS, A BOTTLE (OR TWO!) AND SOME NIBBLES**

**Lydia is our Quizmaster!  
£10 for a table of up to 4**

**See you there!**

**BAG 2 SCHOOL: TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** is collection day for our next round of Bag2School collections – we made £45 in October, so please hang onto your unwanted textiles. Bags will be issued soon. We get 50p a kilo so tell your friends and family to start saving too! Thank you

## SCHOOL LEAVERS:

You will receive an email from devon county confirming your child's place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**. Please can you inform us which school your child will be moving on to, that is our only way of finding out and it is important we offer all children the same transition opportunities.

### Check our notice board!

Our big notice board is updated regularly with the work and photographs of what your children are up to, have a look next time you're picking up.

Don't forget to send your child with a spare set of everything please, it makes things easier for us if we can just collect their bag when they need changing from water play or messy play etc rather than searching for the right size! Warm clothing, including gloves and hat are essential in this cold snap, we will go outside whatever the weather! **PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING**

Teddy – our Playgroup Ted will be sent home with you if your child has done something we are particularly proud of. Please share a photo of what Ted has been up to whilst with you via your Tapestry account. We will ensure all children have a turn with Teddy, and they feel proud to have earned him.



The children split in to 'teams' at key times with their keyperson – it's amazing how quickly they can tidy up when it's a race! We also use our teams for more focused small group work

