

Welcome to our second Spring newsletter.

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our recent Bingo evening, we had a brilliant turnout and made an amazing £1000 profit! We had some fabulous prizes to offer from local businesses together with a brilliant bingo caller and helpers! Well done to everyone involved. With this money we will be able to replenish the allotment ready for the spring for all the children to enjoy.

Last term we looked at winter, exploring ice, talked about appropriate clothing for the winter to keep us warm and enjoyed making soup and melting chocolate in our 'shoebox cooker'. We also read the story of the Gingerbread Man, acted out the story, made puppets and cooked gingerbread men.

The last week of term we talked about who we love, and made valentines cookies and cards.

Looking ahead to the next half term, we are planning to look at understanding of the wider world and how to look after it.

We will also be organising the village Egg Hunt in conjunction with Eastington Primary School which will be held on Saturday 25th April. This is a great family day out with a theme of children's songs and nursery rhymes. If anyone would like to make an egg for the egg hunt please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible. Don't forget to put this date in your diary!

Mother's Day afternoon tea

We will be hosting another Mother's Day afternoon tea on Thursday 19th March. Mum's will be invited in from 1.45pm to enjoy drinks served with freshly made cakes baked by the children.

Pre-School sessions

Letters will soon be sent out to parents of preschool children, outlining Preschool sessions that we hold to support children with a place at Eastington Primary School.

More information will be posted to parents from the school direct, but if your child will be attending another school then we suggest that you contact your new school after the allocation date to find out if they run a similar preschool session.

Admin for playgroup

We endeavour to reply to your emails that are sent to playgroup during playgroup opening hours, therefore if your matter is urgent then please speak to a member of staff on the door or leave a message on our answerphone – 07977242742. Alternatively, if you private message us on our Facebook page a member of staff will get back to you.

Please remember to text us if your child is poorly.

Topics for the half term

- 24th February Pancake making, talking about healthy eating and healthy choices
- 2nd March Mini beasts and Mother's Day afternoon tea invitations.
- 9th March Planting seeds and growth and decay
- 16th March Baking for afternoon tea, Thursday 19th, Mother's Day afternoon tea, 1:45pm-2:45pm
- 23rd March Children's choices/interests.
- 30th March Easter themed week.
- 2nd April last day of term

20th April – 1st day of summer term

Our playgroup offers care and education for all children from 2½ years to 4 years 11 months in a well-established community-based group.

We offer your children a safe and stimulating environment in which they can grow and blossom into selfconfident, self-reliant and positive little people.

Our ultimate goal is to enable the children to have fun, explore and have the freedom to express their individuality, while forming the basis of their education.

We currently have a few spaces left for September and operate 4 days a week offering full and half day sessions and we accept government nursery vouchers and other types of employer supported childcare vouchers.

If you would like more details please contact our administrator Michelle 07977 342 742 – email <u>eastingtonplaygroup@hotmail.com</u> or visit our website <u>www.eastingtonplaygroup.co.uk</u>