

Newsletter – November 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 16th November – Children in Need, fancy dress optional

Thursday 29th November - Pre-schoolers visit Guild House

Monday 10th December – St Nicholas gift shop

Thursday 13th December -Pre-schoolers singing carols at Guild House

Monday 17th December – Nativity

Wednesday 19th December – Stay & Play Christmas party

Friday 21st December – Playgroup Christmas party

Pre-school visit to Folk museum- date to be confirmed

CONTACT DETAILS

Please keep us up to date with new telephone numbers, if you need to add or change any contact details please speak to a member of staff.

Please could parents regularly check blue bags for letters, invites and penny bags, write in the green book if you have any information to share

THIS TERM AT PLAYGROUP

The children have been celebrating Diwali and light festivals. They have made firework paintings and are painting diva lamps this week. Going into next week, we will be starting to prepare for our St. Nicholas gift shop, so lots of exciting craft activities beginning.

Reminder: please bring in family photos of people abroad and family pets as requested in separate letter.

ENCHANTING FAIRY TRAIL

A big thank you to everyone that attended our fairy trail, helped during the day and with the preparation. In total we made a great profit of £309.



WHATS COMING UP

As you can see from the dates for your diary, we have lot's of fun things coming up for the children. We would really appreciate any parents that would like to help with the set up and tidy away for the nativity, cafe or Christmas party. Please let either Bethan or Michelle know.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Ever wondered what your child gets up to at playgroup? Why not pop in for an hour on the parent rota and see. Any help with tidying up, washing up and clearing away is a fantastic help and it also gives you a unique insight in to what happens in the playgroup sessions.

Monday 12th November 8pm is the next committee meeting. Anyone is welcome to join or just pop along to see what it's all about. Feel free to contact Michelle or any of the team for where this is held.

50 years of St Catharines Under Fives

We are starting our 50th year and want you to come and celebrate with us. Do you have any old photos, memories or videos of St Catharine's? If so we would love to see them. We have already started a noticeboard celebrating all things past of St Catharine's Under 5s and would love to see this grow. Keep your eyes peeled for news of our celebration day next year.



STAY & PLAY

Did you know we also run a Stay & Play session on a Wednesday morning from 9.30-11? This is run by the committee and has craft, free play, singing, snack and even cake for the parents. Visitors also come each term. We have already had a music with mummy session and have a first aid session and paint your own pottery session coming up. Each week is themed and it's free your first time, then £3 per family/childminder after, have a look at this terms themes:

UNIFORM

As the weather is turning colder if you want to purchase any extra layers we have St Catharine's T shirts available for £7 and jumpers for £11. Just let one of the team know.

SNACK

As everyone is aware we currently provide snack for all children during sessions and we do all we can do keep costs as low as possible by fundraising and everyone's support. We have however had to take the hard decision to start charging for snack from January 2019 as other childcare providers already do. This will be worked out based on the number of days your child attends and will be no more than 15p per session. As always all support is greatly appreciated and we have some fantastic opportunities with funding which you can nominate us for free too receive.

CASH FOR COMMUNITIES

It's the last week we can collect tokens for cash for communities The Cash for Communities Campaign gives local community groups in Gloucestershire a chance to win a share of £20,000.

Tokens will be published in Western Daily Press from **October 13 to November 10** with a **special bonus token worth 100 tokens** published each week in the **Gloucestershire Echo** and **Gloucester Citizen** from **Thursday 18 October to Thursday 8 November** and **500 tokens** published in Western Daily Press **November 7 and November 9**.

PLEASE HELP US GAIN A GREATER SHARE OF £20,000

Western Daily Press

CASH for COMMUNITIES

We are one of the lucky groups selected to receive a share of £20,000. We have until November 10 to collect as many tokens from the Western Daily Press as we can. Please help us by collecting tokens on our behalf.

GLOUCESTER

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12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Each weekday from 6 to 21 December, 10 charities will win £1,000. That's £120,000 to 120 charities in 12 days! The more nominations a charity receives, the greater the chance of them winning. So make sure you tell your family, friends, work colleagues and anyone else you can think of! It takes just 2 moments to fill in online: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/12-days/> You will need our charity number which is 1051904.

GLOUCESTER LOTTERY

Thank you so much to all those that have already supported us by signing up to the Gloucester lottery. We receive the names of those supporting us so thank you; even the staff are signed up and supporting the fundraising on top of the amazing work they do daily with our little ones. If you haven't already, but are interested please take a look, and remember you could be in with a chance to win yourself.



Help brighten our
Autumn

Support us today and you can be the change we need this season

- Help St Catharine's Under Fives to make a real difference
- Sign up today for just £1 a week
- Start supporting St Catharine's Under Fives and the local community today
- As well as supporting playgroup, you could WIN up to £25,000!

To start supporting, visit:
www.gloucesterlottery.co.uk
and search for: St Catharines



SPARE CLOTHES

Please can you make sure your child has a spare set of clothing with them when they attend playgroup. We have a limited supply of emergency clothes but cannot always guarantee finding the corresponding item of clothing for the one that needs changing.

REMINDERS

- Only water in water bottles please.
- If your child is attending playgroup at **any** time on a Monday, Thursday or Friday then you will need to provide a **packed lunch** for them. These should be healthy and must include an **icepack** to keep the contents cool, whatever the weather, as required by Ofsted.
- Please could you check that we are holding the **correct phone numbers and addresses** on file for your children in case of emergency – especially any mobile numbers for friends or grandparents. Don't forget to notify us of any further changes!
- Please ensure your child arrives on time to playgroup, as arriving late is not only disruptive to the rest of the group during register, it can be extremely unsettling for the child.

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT US....

Please try the playgroup mobile number first – 07432 073325 – during playgroup hours.

For all admissions, finance and admin queries, please phone TINA on 07870874592

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