

Sydenham Road Under Fives Newsletter



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A warm welcome back to all our users after the festive season!

We had a busy run-up to Christmas with both Toddlers and Playgroup enjoying Christmas Parties – thanks to all staff, parents and carers who helped make the parties a lot of fun (and a special thanks to Santa who made three visits). Playgroup children also staged two **fantastically unique** performances of the Nativity including one in the church – **thanks go to Laurie for his musical accompaniment.**

We're looking forward to a successful 2010 and are delighted to **welcome** a **new fund-raising team** to the Committee – **Hannah, Anne-Marie and Helen** will be co-ordinating our various events throughout the year. As always, we need your help to ensure that SRUF raises enough funds to run our services, so please keep an eye out for our events and join in if you can.

Best wishes, Alison Farrar (Chair of SRUFs)

Snow Closures

Playgroup and Toddlers were closed for two days in the recent snowy weather. Apologies if you had trouble finding out whether or not we were open.

We have now got the facility to appear on the Bristol City Council website under "School Closures" (www.bristol.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on the listings read out by **RADIO BRISTOL 95.5FM, HEART 96.3FM, STAR 107.2FM and UJIMA 98FM.**

So should the snow come again, listen or log-on to find out our status. As a general rule of thumb, if Hillcrest Primary School is closed then so is Sydenham Road Under Fives.

Baby News

Congratulations to Tuesday's Toddler Leader, Mel, who had a baby boy, Jamie, on 2nd January. Mum and baby are doing well and we look forward to welcoming Mel back to Toddlers in the near future.

Committee Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy on committee for a **Staff Liaison Officer**. This role involves meeting with Toddler and Playgroup staff to discuss any staff issues and then reporting back to the committee at the monthly meetings. You will also be involved in staff recruitment.

No experience necessary as support will be given.

If you are interested in this role or would like further information, please contact: srufbs4@yahoo.co.uk or phone Jackie Freeman on **0117 977 3603**

Fundraising

The next Table top sale will be held on **Saturday 13th March**. Look out for posters detailing further information soon.

Many thanks for your continued efforts in making and buying cakes at the toddler sessions. During December and January this raised £32.50 – not bad considering the Christmas holidays, extreme weather and New Year diets. This money will be put towards first aid training for toddler leaders.

Thank you and Farewell

We're sad to say goodbye to our Wednesday toddler leader Rosemary who will be leaving us after half term. Rosemary will be sadly missed at her sessions and has dedicated many years to SRUFs as both a parent and committee member. We will still see her around though at pre-school and toddlers I'm sure. Everyone at SRUFs would like to thank Rosemary for her hard work and commitment over her many years of service.

Help Wanted

CLEANING: If you have any spare time, we are still looking for volunteers to help clean playgroup equipment. Thank you to all those who have helped so far, but it is a mammoth task and there is still some help needed. If you are able to help by taking a box of toys home to clean, please see a member of the playgroup team.

WEB DESIGN: We are starting the process of making improvements to our website. We have a good idea of content but would welcome some help in developing the website. If you are able to help, please contact Helen at helencrockford@blueyonder.co.uk.

Jolly Babies and Music with Mummy

These Lively music sessions are available for babies and pre-school children on **Tuesday mornings at the Star and Dove** and **Friday mornings at Redcatch Community Centre**. There are only a few places left next term but if you are interested in a place you can **contact Julia on 0117 9588538**. www.musicwithmummybristol.co.uk

Weaning Workshops

Baby Bites offers fun and social cooking classes for parents at all stages of weaning their child and beyond. Learn to cook healthy and delicious food for your family without it costing the earth. We use **local suppliers**, and **seasonal produce**. We feel passionately about good food and think family mealtimes are one of the most important times of the day. Teaching children to eat well from the beginning lays good foundations for life. Baby Bites also offers **creative, healthy** (but they wouldn't know it!) and **delicious kids party catering**. In the coming months we will be launching a weekly home delivery service of really yummy, homemade baby and kids food. Baby Bites are committed to providing you and your family with local, seasonal and affordable food. For more **info contact Louise on 07531237527**, email info@babybites.co.uk or go to www.babybites.co.uk

Dates for your diary

February

- Friday **12th** Last day of term 3
- Monday **22nd** Term 4 begins

March

- Saturday **13th** – Table top sale fundraising event

April

- Thursday **1st** – Last day term 4
- Monday **19th** – Term 5 begins
- Thursday **22nd** – in-service day (social and emotional aspects of learning)
Playgroup shut. Toddlers to stay open

If you have any items to be included in future newsletters or would like to advertise, please contact.

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Thanks to the nice people at **A Cappella café and pizzeria** on the Wells Road for once again sponsoring this edition of the newsletter.