

**TOPICS** This half term we will be basing our activities around Pirates and Princesses! We have lots of fun crafts planned and many lovely stories from the library! We will of course also be doing messy play and hopefully getting outside lots as the weather improves! If you have any stories/puzzles/toys linked to this topic, children are welcome to bring them in to share with their friends.

### Easter Fundraising

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of our families for their fundraising efforts and generosity last half term! With your help we raised a brilliant £70 in our last minute raffle - **thank you** to Aldi and Tuffins at Cleobury for their kind donations for the raffle - and we so far have collected nearly £350 from our Sponsored Walk!!! We still have a few children's monies to come in, so I will keep you posted with our final total, but that is already an amazing amount! We are so thankful and have already spent some on a few new bikes, and begun purchasing items for our 'mud kitchen'!

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, Eagle & Serpent**

#### MAY BANK HOLIDAY

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Playgroup Closed!**

#### HALF TERM

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Cleobury In Bloom** This term we will once again join the Cleobury In Bloom competition, getting your children planting and caring for their environment. We did well growing beans last year... this year will be a little different, growing Sweet Peas! If you have green fingers and would like to help with planting, please speak to Mrs. Ward/Miss. Pearson ASAP!

### ROTA PARENT

A big thank you to everyone who came in for these sessions last half term - the children really enjoyed having extra adults to play with! We will continue this half term - the sign-up sheet is on the front door!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Alfie who turns 3 in April, and to Evie who will be 4 in May!



**MUD KITCHEN!** As mentioned, we are in the process of setting up 'mud kitchen' area outside for the children to dig, pour and get messy in! With money from the fundraising we have begun to purchase suitable resources for this area, but as you can imagine, pots and pans etc are quite expensive! If you have any unneeded small saucepans/pots/cake tins/tubs/metal or wooden spoons, or anything you think might be suitable, please bring it in!

### REMINDERS...

Just a few reminders... please do pay your invoices by the date specified to enable the smooth running of Playgroup; please use your child's name/invoice number as the reference when paying via online banking. Please keep an eye on the weather and dress your child appropriately. Please send in some named sun cream this half term that can be kept at Playgroup for the hotter weather! We are keen for all children to have a change of clothes left at Playgroup, especially in the Summer Term as we have lots of water play available and they often get wet. We don't have a huge supply of spare clothes, so please do bring a change to leave on your child's peg. Also please bring any of our clothes back ASAP, washed for next use. If your child is in nappies, please remember to send a good supply of nappies, wipes and nappy sacks.

### Mrs. Williams

As one or two of you may know, Mrs. Williams has some lovely news; she is expecting a baby, due in the summer holidays. She will then be on maternity leave in the new school year, but we hope to see her again!

### ATTENDANCE

If you wish to change/increase any hours of attendance for this term, including after half term, please let us know ASAP for staffing and funding. Thank you!