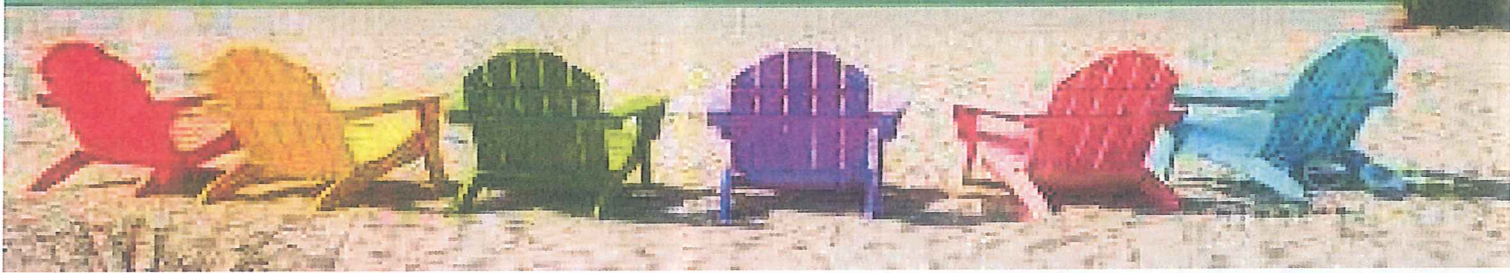




**CASTLEROCK  
PLAYGROUP** **NEWSLETTER**



### Activities / Themes

This months activities are based around:-

- The signs of summer
- All about me
- Going to school

### Media Initiative for Children

Kathleen was introduced last month and she lives in a caravan.

This generated lots of discussion along with drawing / building the houses we live in.

### Parent Feedback

Thank you to all parents who have returned their questionnaires which will enable the staff / committee to review the function we provide.

This will allow us to continue to improve the service we supply to the local community.



### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th June is Sports Day.  
(note already has been sent home)

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th June - playgroup will be closed for staff development training.

Tuesday 10th June - day children starting Reception visit Hezlett Primary school.

Thursday 12th June - day children starting Primary 1 visit Hezlett Primary School.

Thursday 19th June - Open Day for children starting Sept 2014 onwards from 12.30pm - 2.00pm.

Monday 23rd June is Graduation Day.

Friday 27th June is our last day and we will be having a party for all the children.

### Footwear / Sun Lotion

We would appreciate if children would wear their trainers to playgroup rather than boots / sandals as this provides better comfort during physical activities as we practice for sports day.

It would also be greatly appreciated if parents could apply sun lotion to their child before they come to playschool - to protect their skin if we take them outside.

A sun hat should also be sent to school with the children.

### Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to Codi, Finlay and Scott who all turn 4 this month!



## Last Months Recap...

In the first two weeks of May we spent our time learning about minibeasts and we all made different types of minibeasts at the art table. We made bug hotels with Johnny the gardener and planted sunflower seeds and are patiently watching them grow. These activities were enjoyed immensely.

Next we had a "travel agent" and an "airport" where the children all enjoyed planning their holidays and using their passports to board a plane etc.

Lots of fun was had during our frequent "picnics" and "camping trips" outdoors during the better weather.

Best of all everyone had a fantastic day at Belfast Zoo which was a really great end of year trip. Everyone who came along had a brilliant time.

Thank you to all the parents / grandparents / carers who have helped out on such trips / outings / walks etc. throughout the year - your help has been invaluable.



## Happy Holidays

Playgroup will close Friday 27th June for the Summer Holidays!



## Playgroup Committee

A big thank you to all committee members who have worked hard behind the scenes all year helping support the playgroup staff

It has been a very worthwhile and enjoyable experience!

For anyone who would be interested in joining the committee next year please let either Fiona or Committee Chairperson Sylvia Nixon know.

All new members are very welcome!

We also send a fond farewell to all the children who will be starting school next term and look forward to welcoming all the other children back again in September.

## Wanted...

Could parents please donate any old pots, pans, saucepan lids or utensils to help us create a musical wall in our garden.

## So Long...

This will be our last newsletter for this year and we hope you all have a great summer.



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