



Summer 2018 Newsletter

Super Summer!

Well the Spring term weather was certainly interesting. It's unusual for us to close for a snow day in Devon! Hopefully you're all thawed out and ready for a long, hot (?) Summer.

Do you remember Operation Christmas Child last November? That was when we filled 20 shoe boxes with toys and gifts for less fortunate children. It was great fun and everyone's generosity was amazing. I can now tell you that our boxes ended up in Albania, one of the poorest countries in Europe. For more information please go to -

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/look-where-your-shoebox-went-2017/> and click on Albania. You'll see that your help and support has made a big difference to children's lives.



What we did last term

Our old play tunnel was frayed at the edges and cracked in the middle so it was replaced last term. From the photo it looks like one of our children is longer than the tunnel!

Lots of wonderful crafts as usual. Many thanks to Trisha & Gail for organising them. More photos can be seen on our Facebook page - Shining Stars Playgroup



Who:

For 0-4 year olds and their parents/carers.



When:

10am to 11:30am on Fridays in term time.



Where:

The Scout Hut, Rhode Lane, Uplyme, DT7 3TX. Parking available.



How much:

We suggest a donation of £1 per child.

Safety First

Please read and be aware of the main points:

- 1) Adults are responsible, at all times, for all children and babies that they bring to the session.
- 2) Car park - The gate is open and there are moving vehicles whose driver may not be able to see small children.
- 3) Hot drinks - when not drinking, please keep the lid closed and away from children.
- 4) Piano - do not allow children to open the lid as fingers could be trapped.
- 5) Tidying up - please take care when lifting and moving heavy items.
- 6) Fire - there are two fire exits, the main entrance and the door from the storage/toilet area onto the car park. The assembly point is by the shed.

Session Dates

20th April	Open - New term starts
27th April	Open
4th May	Open
11th May	Open
18th May	Open
25th May	Open
1st June	Closed - Half term
8th June	Open
15th June	Open - Fathers day craft
22nd June	Open
29th June	Open
6th July	Open
13th July	Open
20th July	Open - End of term party
27th July to 7th Sept	Closed for Summer
14th Sept	Open - New term starts

Congratulations to Emily and Matt on the birth of Poppy, (a sister to Annabelle) in March. We wish the whole family well and look forward to seeing them again at Shining Stars.



MEET THE VOLUNTEERS



Sue

When it comes to story telling, Sue is our secret weapon! Whether it's from a book or told free style, like the nativity story at Christmas (see photo), she always draws in adults and children alike.

Sue is a retired teacher and very active at Uplyme Church. She also enjoys painting and walking her new puppy around the local countryside.

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