

# Nursery News

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## A breakfast thought...

This week marks the start of a special month for our Muslim staff and families.

During this month Muslims get up very early, before the sun rises, and eat breakfast. They do not eat or drink again until the sun has set and it is dark. It's a long time to go without food or drink, from before dawn until sunset.

This time is known as Ramadan – the name of the month in the Islamic calendar - and going without food or drink is known as fasting. It's not easy to fast, so children don't have to until they are older. Everyone else tries to make the effort.

By going without food and drink, Muslims choose to focus on what is important to them; Being faithful to God, reading from the holy book (the Qur'an) speaking to God in prayer, and thinking about those less fortunate than themselves.

Perhaps we all could use this opportunity to think about those things which are important to us and to our school. And we wish all our Muslim staff, children, families and friends a peaceful and blessed Ramadan.



## School Mufti Day for Bottle Tombola



This Friday, 19th June, we are inviting children in the school to wear their own choice of clothing in return for bringing a prize for our Bottle Tombola at the Summer Fete.

Although our Nursery children don't have to wear uniform, we'd love it if you still wanted to contribute!

If you can spare a bottle (or two or three) we'd be very grateful (the more prizes we have, the more money we will raise for the school).

We would welcome any of the following items: Wine, beer and spirits, soft drinks, bubble bath, shower gel and shampoo.

## Are you a 'handy person'?

We have now gathered together all the resources we need to create a 'mud kitchen' for our nursery children. The kitchen will be constructed from reclaimed and recycled materials – pallets, old sinks and so on.

We now need some expertise to construct the kitchens. If you, or anyone you know, is a carpenter, joiner, general builder or handy person and would be able to give up an hour or two to help us as a volunteer, please speak to Mrs Whytewood, or leave your details at the school office. Thanks.



## One Minute Playdough Recipe

PLAY  
DOUGH

Playdough is such a fun resource to use at home as well as at nursery. Playing with playdough is not only great fun but it also helps to strengthen little fingers, hands and wrists. It also helps your child to be imaginative because playdough can be anything - food, animals, bowls, shapes, tools, people animals...

Here's a really simple '1 Minute' Playdough recipe which you can use at home. This recipe makes great playdough which lasts for ages in the fridge in little plastic sandwich bags. You can even add smells like peppermint essence, or make sparkly playdough with glitter!

You will need:

- 1/2 cup of salt
- 1 cup of flour
- 1 tablespoon of cream of tartar or bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tablespoon of oil
- 1 cup of boiling water (from the kettle) mixed with some food colouring

Put all the dry ingredients in a bowl and then mix vigorously with the hot water.



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# Summer Fete

Saturday 4th July 2015

12pm—3pm | See you there!