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The children have all settled back into the daily routine of playgroup and have enjoyed telling the staff all about their Christmas break.

We have been busy designing in our creative area. "Can I make a bag?" one of the children asked. Lots of different designs of paper bags were then made and we talked about what could be used for handles, the size of the bags and what they could carry. The children also made playdough balls and wanted to throw them! It was suggested we make paper balls instead, after the children squashed and rolled paper into balls, we then made a box target to throw the balls into.

To encourage balance, co-ordination, taking turns we had an obstacle course made of number tiles, stepping stones, logs and circular shapes. This also prompted story telling and our imagination. "Don't fall off, the crocodile will get us"

Forest school started again last week and the children enjoyed jumping and rolling in the mud making mud prints with their hand and sticks. Resilience was built trying to walk up and down slippery hills without falling over.



As some of you may already know we had a very special birthday at playgroup this week – Little Jackie celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. The children had fun making hats and invitations before enjoying some party food and games.

#### Book Bags

Please can you remember to check your child's book bag daily for any letters, children's artwork and rhyme books. May we also request that you only place Playgroup library books in the bag.

#### Family Board

We are busy establishing a family board at playgroup and would welcome photographs of the children and their family to display.

#### Packed Lunches

Can we remind you to be mindful of what you send in your child's lunchbox please? We aim to adopt a healthy eating approach at playgroup and would request that you do not include full size chocolate bars in the lunch boxes. Please note that we also operate **a nut free** policy at playgroup along with Calton Primary School

#### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Last day of Term 3**

**Inset Day**

**Playgroup re-opens @ 9.00am**