



## NEWSLETTER

### September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

**WELCOME BACK** - we hope you enjoyed the summer break (which was extended for some of you!!) and are settling into the new term

We would like to say a big smiley 'hello' to the new children who have joined Playgroup this term: Malacky Edwards, Jimmylee Smith, Hayden Gordon-James, Jessica Gainia, Oliver Stroud, Elijah Atkins, Roseanne Smith, Eva Ralph, Lucy Cohen, Seren McCaffrey, Jorgie Giles, Pashey Brown, Lucas Preston, Maddison Davenport, George Hills, Nathaniel McNeill, Mila Bantin, Teddylee Makepeace, James Millings, Adedayo Sule, Madeleine Bunting and Skye Smith.

We hope you have settled in well and will have lots of fun!!

**IMPORTANT DATES** - Please pop these into your diary...

Last day of this term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
First day of next term	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Last day of next term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

**YOUR PLAYGROUP NEEDS YOU** - Each year a dedicated team of parents supports the staff in various aspects of running the playgroup as part of the playgroup committee. We depend on your help and support along with the staff to maintain a well-run environment, and cannot remain open without this extra support. If anyone is able to spare some time or would like further details about what is involved in being a committee member please speak to Sara.

Please ensure that you provide a named bag for your child to carry their belongings into Playgroup in. Please note the following...



#### **RAIN OR SHINE**

We intend to take the children outside to play. Subsequently please could you ensure that for EVERY SESSION your child has suitable NAMED outdoor shoes/wellies as well as a jumper/fleece and raincoat. Please can you put their bags under their pegs and their coats on their pegs. This means they can reach their coats if they want to go outside.

## SPARE CLOTHES REMINDER

We would be grateful if you could pop a spare set of clothes in your child's box as they may have so much fun that they are too wet and/or muddy to remain in the clothes you sent them in!



## NAME TAGS

Please make sure that everything your child wears to playgroup is named especially their coats and bags. Name tag order forms are available from Jane Clarke.



## Holidays

If you are lucky enough to be going away on holiday please let your child's keyperson, Sara or Claire know so that we don't worry about your child's absence. A phone call, text or email will do!



## Sickness

If your child is unwell please do not send them Playgroup! However, please let us know if your child is absent so that we can mark our records accordingly. Please note that children need to be kept at home until **48 hours** after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. This is really important so that we do not make the other children unwell.



## COVID-19

If your child displays any symptoms of Coronavirus which include, a high temperature, persistent dry cough or loss of taste or smell then please do not send them to playgroup. Contact 111 for advice and book a test if necessary. Please inform us if you are required to have a test and the results.



## Staff news

We would like to say congratulations and well done to Alex and Iveta who have both completed their Level 3 training.  
At the end of last term we said goodbye to Katie Lawrence.



Please note the Playgroup Emergency Number is  
**07999 824478**

Best wishes from your staff and committee.

P.S. Our playgroup rules are:

**We speak QUIETLY**  
**We WALK everywhere**  
**We play NICELY and SHARE**  
**We LOOK after EACH OTHER**

It would be helpful if you could remind your child of these so that they can learn to abide by them

