



NEWSLETTER

April 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back everyone!

We would like to say a big smiley 'hello' to the new children who have joined us at Playgroup this term: Chigo Ogueri, Josiah Bourne, Aleyda Tahir, Riley Woodgates, Freyja Scurr, Evie Ramsey, Kainan Sareen, Raine Smith, Oakley Hill, Kallista Berger, Arthur Phillips, Kash Harris, Teddy Stott, Michael O'Laughlin. We hope you will have fun and make lots of new friends.

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

Polling day (PLAYGROUP CLOSED)	Thursday 2 nd May
Bank Holiday (PLAYGROUP CLOSED)	Monday 6 th May
Last Day of Term 5	Friday 24 th May
First day of term 6	Monday 3 rd June
Playgroup photos (letters with further information will be sent home in the next couple of weeks)	Tuesday 21 st May

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 we cannot remain open without this extra support. It involves attending termly meetings (usually via ZOOM) and helping out at the Christmas and Summer fairs. 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.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer will be visiting playgroup on Tuesday 21st May to take photos of the children. For the children leaving us to join 'big school' we will also be doing graduation photos. Look out for the letter with further information and consent form which will be coming home in your child's bag.

SWIMMING AND SCHOOL VISITS

Swimming and school visits for the children leaving us to join big school have started this term. If you want your child to attend either of these events and haven't already returned the consent forms, which should have been sent home in your child's bag, please return them asap. If you need another copy please speak to Sara or Karen.

SCHOOL PLACES

Please let your child's keyperson know which school your child was allocated so we can begin the transition process.

Circle time/PE

We will be continuing with the circle time sessions this term and in term 6 will be doing PE sessions during the afternoon for school leavers. A letter with information of which days will be sent out before the end of term Please remember to send in a named PE kit for your child to get changed into, this just needs to be t-shirt and shorts/joggers and trainers.

Summer is just around the corner and with this in mind on warm days....



SLIP, SLAP, SLOP

Please could you apply sun cream to your child before playgroup and place a **named** sun hat in their bags as when the sun does shine we like to take the children outside to play. Please do not leave sun cream in the children's bags. Playgroup staff are happy to re apply sun lotion to children who stay all day, please simply return your agreement slip to give us permission to do this.



SPARE CLOTHES

You may be aware that we have water play during some sessions - which always proves very popular! We would be grateful if you could pop a spare set of **named** clothes in your child's bag as they have a great time getting themselves and each other soaked! Also, ensure children have appropriate footwear, no flip flops please.

TOYS

Please can we ask you to discourage your child from bringing in toys from home as this can cause problems if they get lost or broken.

ABSENT FROM PLAYGROUP

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 staff or other children unwell.



HOLIDAYS

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



Please note the Playgroup 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