



# NEWSLETTER

## November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Welcome back everyone!

We would like to say a big smiley 'hello' to the new children who have joined playgroup this term: Jasper Lacchin, Bodhi Apps, Patrick Lamon, Emily Bond, Mabel Davis, Bella Lacchin, Elliot Geeves, Myla Williams, Penelope Krousti. We hope you will have fun and make lots of new friends.

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

Christmas Play - dress rehearsal NO NORMAL PLAYGROUP SESSION ON THIS DAY	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Play and fair. NO NORMAL PLAYGROUP SESSION ON THIS DAY	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Last Day of this term NO NORMAL PLAYGROUP SESSION ON THIS DAY	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
First day of next term	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025



Further details in respect of the Christmas play will follow in separate letters so please check your child's bag for these.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

If the children would like to send Christmas cards to each other a post-box will be made available in the cloakroom from the first week of December, please post the cards here and they will be put in the children's bags to take home.

#### SESSIONS

Letters about the sessions your child has been allocated for January will be coming home in your child's bag soon. If you have any questions or queries about these please speak to Sara

## SCHOOL PLACES

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you should be applying for a school place for them now, the closing date for applications is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## FACEBOOK



[www.facebook.com/BoughtonMonchelseaPlaygroup](https://www.facebook.com/BoughtonMonchelseaPlaygroup)

Please do come and visit our fab Facebook page. Keep up to date with announcements and we will update you with what the children have been getting up to whilst at Playgroup.

## WEBSITE

Another useful resource is our website: [www.bmplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.bmplaygroup.co.uk)

## TOYS



If you have a clear out of toys either pre or post Christmas the playgroup would welcome donations of toys that are in good clean working order. Thank you to everyone who has brought in toys for us to use so far this year, they have been gratefully received and played with.

## CRAFT

If you have any spare items (such as paper, fabrics, wool, card) that you think may be of use for our craft activities, all donations would be most welcome.

## CHRISTMAS PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be visiting us on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November to take Christmas themed photos of the children. If you want your child's photo taken and haven't received a letter home yet please speak to Sara or Karen.

## OUTSIDE AREA

We are looking at revamping our outdoor play resources to include more 'loose parts' resources to extend the children's imaginative play and wondered if anyone had any spare decking planks or something similar, large sheets of fabric, heavy duty clips that they are happy to donate. We would be very grateful to receive them.

**YOUR PLAYGROUP NEEDS YOU** - Each year a dedicated team of parents supports the staff in many aspects of running the playgroup as part of the playgroup committee. If anyone is able to spare some time we are looking for a named Treasurer as well as general committee members, if you would like further details about what is involved in being a committee member please speak to Sara. Our next event is the AGM is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

## EXTREME WEATHER



In the event of extreme weather conditions please check to see if Playgroup is closed by visiting [www.kentclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk) and search for Boughton Monchelsea Playgroup in the search box. It will also be announced on our Facebook page and we will aim to text everyone to let them know.

## STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of last term we will be said goodbye to Beth Atherton, we will miss her but wish her well in her new ventures.

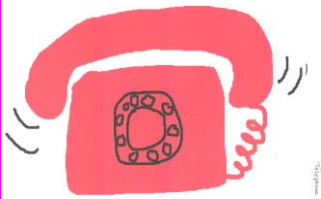
We are excited to welcome Lily Stubberfield to the team, we hope she enjoys working with us.

## OUTDOOR PLAY

We are making every effort to take the children out during the session and we would like to kindly ask if you could ensure that your child has a **NAMED** coat for **EVERY SESSION**.

## Also, with this in mind - **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!



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**  
**We tidy up the toys we have been playing with**

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