



NEWSLETTER

January 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

WELCOME BACK - we hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and are now bursting with energy and enthusiasm. We would like to say a big smiley 'hello' to the new children who have joined Playgroup this term: Ada Webb, Sophia Jenkinson, Jimmy Brown, Avah Mendl, Lewy Lee, Dempsey-Blu Smith, Ali Mehmet, Otis Bronka, Eilidh Lander, Luna Enciso-Castro, Theodore Austen, Ellie White. We hope they settle in quickly, have fun and make lots of new friends.

Dates for Your Diary:

AGM - in committee room at 7.45pm

Last day of term 3:

First day of term 4:

Thursday 6th February

Friday 14th February

Monday 24th February

THANK YOU



We would like to say a **BIG** thank you to all those who donated raffle prizes, cakes and their time to support our Christmas fair and we would like to say a huge congratulations to all of the children who were amazing in their performances.

THANK YOU ALL



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Our AGM is on Thursday 6th February and we would like to ask as many of you to attend as possible as we require a quorum of 20% of parents to allow the meeting to go ahead. Please check your child's bag for further information.

Each year a dedicated team of parents supports the staff in many aspects of running the playgroup as part of the playgroup committee. We desperately need your support and cannot run the playgroup without you. If anyone can spare some time helping the staff to maintain a well-run environment or if you would like further details about what is involved in being a committee member, please speak to Sara. It does not take up much time, we have termly meetings via zoom and need help at the Summer and Christmas fairs.

NEW PARENTS WHATSAPP GROUP

We have set up a new parents Whatsapp group to help keep everyone up to date with important dates and information about playgroup. If you would like to be join the group please speak to Sara and she will arrange to have your number added.

COATS AND SPARE CLOTHING

Please ensure that your child's coat and any other items they bring into playgroup including spare clothes and bags are named to help us identify whose is who's. If any coats are unnamed we will write your child's name on the label in their coats.

EXTREME WEATHER



In the event of extreme weather conditions please check to see if Playgroup is open or closed by checking our Facebook page, we will also send out a text message so please ensure your contact details are up to date.



CLOTHING

Please can you ensure your child brings a **NAMED** coat and wears suitable footwear every day as we will be aiming to take them out during every session regardless of the weather. Please also remember to have spare clothes in your child's bag in case they need them. All items they wear or bring to playgroup must be **named**. Name tag order forms are available from Jane Clarke.

CIRCLE TIME SESSIONS

Starting in term 4, for children who are making the transition to 'big school' in July, we will be doing some focused activities with them such as small group work, turn taking activities and other adult led activities to help prepare them for the transition to school.



T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS

Please note that the price of playgroup t-shirts is £6.00, sweatshirts are £10.00 and hoodies are £15.50. These are a great idea for the children when playing so that they can get nice and mucky painting, sticking etc. They are also a good introduction to wearing a uniform to help prepare your child for big school! If you are interested, please speak to a member of staff who will be able to give you an order form.

FACEBOOK



www.facebook.com/BoughtonMonchelseaPlaygroup

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

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 by calling or texting on 07999 824478, by email or through the Facebook page. 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.

HOLIDAY



If you are lucky enough to be going away on holiday please let your child's key person, Sara or Karen know so that we don't worry about your child's absence. You can either tell us in person or by phone, text or email.

POLITE NOTICE:

To ensure the safety of your children please could you ensure that the staff supervising the door at drop off and collection times are not disturbed, if you need to speak to one of them please wait until they are free.

Also, if anyone needs to collect their children early from an afternoon session could you please arrange to collect them at 3pm to minimise disruption to the afternoon session.



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.