



Newsletter April/May

Hope you had a lovely Easter break

Changeable Weather

Hopefully we will get some warm weather over the coming months although we all know that this is not guaranteed, so please be reminded to send your child with a coat and suitable footwear, as we access the outside area on a daily basis. Please ensure that your child does not wear flip flops, sandals or crocs to Playgroup. All shoes should have closed in toes and straps for safety reasons. T shirts and dresses should also cover the children's shoulders. No strappy tops or dresses please. Throughout the summer terms you should also provide your child with a sun hat.

Sun cream

We ask that you apply sun cream to your child **before** you bring them to playgroup. Please remember to sign the form on the table so staff know that cream has been applied.

If your child stays all day , or if we deem it necessary during the morning, we will reapply our sun cream .There will be a small charge of £3 added to Term 6 invoice to cover the cost of the sun cream we provide.

If you do not wish us to use the Playgroup cream (due to allergies), then please supply us with a bottle of cream, CLEARLY NAMED, and sign a permission form allowing us to apply it to your child.

Holidays

Please remember to inform us via the contact books of any holidays you may have booked.

Clothing

Please remember to name plimsoles, coats, hats, jumpers/cardigans and drinks bottles etc. Many of the children have similar clothing so please name them or add a sticker to the drinks bottle to help your child recognise it. We also advise that you keep a spare set of clothes in your child's bag at all times. Although we do have spare clothes we are limited with how much we can store. We will put any unnamed clothing into our lost property basket. Any clothing unclaimed at the end of term will be placed into our collection for rag bag.

Toys from Home

Toys from home should not be brought in from home unless they are a comforter. The children are becoming upset if the toys are broken or lost whilst at Playgroup.

Lunch Boxes

We would like to remind parents that lunch boxes should not contain any nut based products. Grapes should also be cut vertically to help prevent choking and spoons provided for yoghurts. We also ask for your support in teaching the children about healthy eating and therefore to not provide crisps, sweets and chocolate bars as part of their lunchbox. Please take a look through the booklet attached for healthy lunch box ideas.

Policies and procedures

We would like to inform you that we are currently undertaking a review of all of our policies to ensure they comply to current legislation. We will inform you in due course of any changes we have made.

Fees

From September 2019 our fees will be increasing to £14 per session, lunch club will remain the same. Our aim is always to keep our fees as low as possible but unfortunately with the increases in the living wage, rent and rising costs of resources, we need to pass some of these increases on.

Sponsored Bounce

The grass area at Playgroup is in desperate need of attention before next winter. We have got quotes for new Arturo turf to be laid, but the quotes have come in more than we anticipated (the best being £4,500). For us to achieve our goal of getting this laid in the Summer holidays we will be holding a sponsored bounce to help raise some of the funds that we are short. We will be sending home sponsored forms and hope that you can support Playgroup by asking friends and family to sponsor your child. The bounce will happen in the last week of this term, children will be given a minute to bounce as many times as they can. They will bring home a certificate to show how many bounces they managed. We hope the children will enjoy this activity

School Leavers

On Tuesday 16th April you should receive an email or letter from the council offering your child a school placement. Please let us know as soon as possible which school your child will be attending.

Dates for Diary

Photographer (dates to be confirmed)

Sports day – Friday 19th July (afternoon)

Leavers picnic – Wednesday 17th July

More information to follow

Many Thanks, Tracy, Jo, Emma Jen, Delia, Helen, Lynsey and Jo