



Newsletter Summer term 2021

Welcome back to playgroup for the summer term, for some of you this term will be the last one your child spends with us before moving onto school, and for others you are joining us for the first time. We are looking forward to what is always a busy and exciting summer term for all the children.

Here are a few reminders for this coming term.

- Please remember to name ALL your children's belongings including lunch boxes, cardigans/hoodies etc.
- With the warmer weather please provide your child with a named sunhat and apply all day sun cream before your child's session.
- Named water bottles for lunch can be placed on the trolley, if your child is not staying all day, they do not need to bring in a drink, we have water available all session and milk at snack time.

Uniform

At the end of term, we sent home bags, please ensure these are returned, topped up with weather suitable clothing and nappies/wipes if needed. *DRAWSTRING PE STYLE BAGS ONLY* due to space we are unable to store 35+ backpacks. We have our playgroup bags available at £4 each if you would like to replace/purchase one to be kept in playgroup.

We also have playgroup t-shirts in stock in age 3-4 or 5-6 years, these are £4.50 each.

Snack

This half term we will be offering a variety of bread items i.e. Toast, crumpet, breadstick, crackers etc, as well as seasonal fruit and vegetables. Milk and water will be available to drink.

Snack donation this half term is £3.50 for 7 weeks, this will help towards the costs of purchasing the snack items as well as contributing to our cooking activities. The donation pot can be found on the board outside.

ALLERGIES: please update us of any changes to your child's dietary needs.

Drop off times, Breakfast and Lunch Clubs

Breakfast and Lunch clubs can be added onto any session for a small cost. **Lunch club** runs from 12-12.30pm at a cost of £2.50 and allows children the opportunity to sit and socialise with their friends whilst eating a healthy packed lunch provided by you. Please remember

we have a no nut policy at playgroup due to allergies and children are not to have sweets or chocolate.

Breakfast club is £3, for this half term we are offering this at a cost of £2 for those who pre-book. Breakfast club allows you to drop your child off to playgroup from 8.30am and choose from a range of breakfast foods provided by us.

Due to the busy term and numbers in attendance we can no longer offer staggered drop offs. Doors will open at 9am (morning session) for those children not pre-booked into breakfast club, and 12.30pm (afternoon session) if not booked in for lunch club.

Feedback and AGM

Thank you to everyone who returned their questionnaire, we had some positive feedback and have taken on board the suggestions, these will be discussed at our AGM.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 11th May at 9.30am, please come along if you can and support our playgroup, find out about what goes on behind the scenes and have your say on decisions being made. This is a good time to meet the committee and management, have a cuppa and a chat.

Fundraising

We had a great response to our sponsored Easter event and along with the Mother's Day raffle raised over £500 which is a fantastic amount to help towards our outdoor resources. THANK YOU!

We have already made a good start on tidying the church garden and have purchased a small self-choice shed for the children to have free access to resources, with more fun equipment on order.

Carpark

Please supervise your child whilst entering, exiting and waiting in the carpark, this is a used area and small children can be hard to see. The carpark should not be used by parents as again this will cause a hazard.

Health

- Covid-19: If your child displays any of the symptoms including a high temperature, new continuous cough, a loss of taste or smell you must keep them away from playgroup, get a test and isolate for 10 days. We must be informed as every case needs to be reported and we must action the necessary procedures. Please help to keep us all safe.
- Headlice: please regularly check your child's hair and treat if necessary before your child returns to playgroup.
- Sickness: we have a 48-hour clear policy if your child vomits or has diarrhoea you must keep them away from playgroup until at least 48hours after the last bout.

We are unable to accept a child that has been given Calpol/Nurofen within 24hours of their session, these medications can mask a temperature, therefore masking Covid-19 symptoms.

If your child is going to be absent from playgroup for any reason, please let us know.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Monday 3rd May Closed for Bank holiday

Tuesday 11th May: AGM all welcome

Photo day 26th May

Monday 7th June -Friday 16th July

Graduation ceremony: Monday 19th July (time to be confirmed)

Induction sessions: Tuesday 20th July