



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

November 2018

Dates for this term

Last Day of term – Friday 21st December

Back to school – Monday 7th January

Photographer – Thursday 1st November

Nativity – Thursday 20th December 11.30

Party- Friday 21st December 10-12

Everyone has settled into Playwell life very quickly and have made friends too.

We had a great trip to the Philipot Almshouses to deliver our Harvest items, it was a lovely day and the children were very well behaved. We would like to thank all of the parents who walked with us, we could not have done this trip without you.

We also welcomed a police officer to Playwell. Helen (James' Mum) came in to talk about how the police are here to help us. She wore her uniform and showed the children the equipment that she carries in her belt. The children were allowed to wear her vest and hat too! Thank you Helen.

Helen is also your Parent representative for the Management committee. Feel free to have a chat with her about anything Playwell and any fundraising ideas you may have.

Last term we were concentrating in settling our new children into the setting and making a start on their records. We were also having many discussions about how we play together, how we share and reminding how to use 'please' and 'thank you'. This is the basis of the personal and social aspect of the EYFS, once the children have these skills, we can begin to work on all the other areas – knowledge and understanding, language and literacy, maths, physical and expressive arts. If you have any questions about the EYFS, please come and ask, we will also show you the information that is out for you to read through.

Now that we have all settled we can work on building on our new skills.

We will also be concentrating on enjoying Diwali, firework night, Thanksgiving and Christmas.





Claiming your free 30 hours

If you will be claiming the free 30 hours for the first time after January, you need to provide us with your code as soon as possible, so that it can be validated. Thank you.

A couple of reminders –

Please provide your child with a named coat or jumper as we do go outside every day. Many of the children do not know what their coat looks like and having a name written in it really helps. We also ask that your child wears appropriate shoes for climbing and running. Wellies are not suitable for these activities.

If your child is staying for lunch, we ask that it is a healthy lunch with no sweets. You do not need to provide a drink as we have milk and water available. No peanut butter and no nuts as we have children with allergies and could we also ask that grapes and tomatoes are cut in half as they are a choking hazard. If your child has a yoghurt in a pot please provide a spoon.

You do not need to bring a bag to pre-school as we do have spare clothes. If you really must bring a bag, please leave it on the hatch in the big hall, not on the coat rack. We have a lot of coats to fit on the hooks and the children either can't find their coats when we go outside or cannot hang them back up again as the bags are in the way. We will also be asking the children to try and put their coats on by themselves too.

If your child is unwell could you please give us a call or a text.

Check us out online

All of the newsletters and letters that we give to you are on the website and weekly updates of the children's learning is posted on facebook. Term dates and other important information is on the website as well as on the 2 notice boards. Please check them regularly, just in case you think that you have missed something.

Applying for Reception

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, you will need to apply for a place for Reception class in September 2019. The closing date for applications is January 15th 2019 and you need to apply via the Greenwich website. If you have any questions please ask.

Parent Rota

If you are interested in spending some time with us now your child has settled please sign up for our Parent rota. There is one in the friendship centre and one by the back door. This is a great opportunity to work with all the children and to perhaps bring a new skill with you too! We love having parents in as it does help to develop great relationships between staff and parents and carers.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable term at Playwell.

Don't forget- we are available at all times if you have any concerns or worries regarding your child.

Thank you, The Playwell team

