



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

January 2019

Dates for this term

Last Day of term – Friday 15th February

Back to school – Tuesday 26th February

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and the children all enjoyed a restful couple of weeks. We would like to thank you all for your very lovely gifts and your cards, it was so very kind of you.

Preparing 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.

This year we will be sending 28 (out of 41) children to Reception class in September, which is the most we have ever had and we would like to thank you for entrusting us with providing the care and education for your child until this very important milestone in their lives.

We will begin to take some extra time with the children to get them Reception ready from January all the way up to July. This entails working with a small group of children each day for around 15-20 mins concentrating on recognizing names right up to small maths sums. This will depend on each individual child's ability. We will aim to work with each child at least twice a week, which isn't as much as we would like, so we ask that you could work with your child in writing their name and holding a pencil correctly. That would help us immensely!

Last term

Last term was full of celebrations – fireworks, poppy day, Diwali, American Independence day, St Andrews day and Christmas. We hope that you enjoyed these and if you have any religious or cultural celebrations you would like us to take part in, please let us know.

We would like to thank you all for joining us for the Nativity, the children were fantastic!





Pants and knickers!

We are running very short on pants and knickers, they don't seem to be coming back to us! If you have any old ones, we would love your donations. We are also very short on boys trousers, if you have any – thank you.

Parent rep

Helen, your Parent representative for the Management committee, is available to have a chat about anything Playwell and any fundraising ideas you may have.

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.

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 are also 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.

If you have changed your address since you started Playwell, can you please let us know as this could affect your grant claim.

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.

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

