



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

February 2019

Dates for this term

Last Day of term – Friday 5th April

Back to school – Tuesday 23rd April

World book day- Thursday 7th March

Open day – Wednesday 20th March

This term

We will be holding a couple of fundraisers this term. A sponsored circuit and a cake sale will be held towards the end of the term.

We will have our annual open day on **Wednesday 20 March**. This is a day where we invite you to join us during the day to see the activities that we do, meet the committee and spend some time with us. We hope that you can make it. Invitations will be sent out to you as soon as possible. To coincide with the open day we will be handing out questionnaires for you to fill out to enable us to reflect on our practice and work on areas that are pinpointed by you.

We will be celebrating World book day on the **7th March** and we ask the children to dress up as their favourite book character.

Getting 'Reception ready'

Schoolwork is working well and the children are really progressing. Please remember that we are getting them 'Reception ready' which means that we are enabling them to feel confident during their transition to their new schools. We are also enabling them to feel confident to recognise and write their names too. Each child is a unique child and each schoolwork session is tailored to the children that we are working with at that time.

When we return from the Easter holiday you will know which school your child will be attending in September and we ask that you let us know as soon as possible. If your child will be leaving us to attend nursery could you please let us know as soon as you can. We have children on our waiting list wanting to know if they have a place in September, thank you.

Fund raising

Thank you for supporting Helen's stall last term, if you donated, bought items or helped on the stall. You raised £214.35p. We have ordered some toys and bought some new buggies!





Last term

Last term we celebrated, Diwali, Chinese New Year and Valentine's day. We also enjoyed being pirates, working in our shop and reading 'Zog'. We had a love week where we worked really hard on sharing, caring and kindness and we managed to get outside towards the end of the term to enjoy lots of fresh air.

A couple of reminders

- Please do not let your child wear dressing up clothes to pre-school. Other children want to wear them and get a little upset. They also can get dirty or lost within our dressing up and we know that they do cost a lot of money. They are also not practical for running, climbing, bike riding or messy activities.
- 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 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 phone number whilst your child has been at Playwell or your contacts have changed, please let us know. We hope that we never have to use them, but we may need to get in touch with you if there is an emergency.

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

