



Playwell Pre-school

Newsletter

October 2019

Dates for this term

Closed for Voting – Thursday 12th December

Last Day of term – Thursday 19th December

Back to school – Monday 6th January

Photographer – Friday 22nd November

Nativity – Wednesday 18th December 11.30

Christmas Party – Thursday 19th December 10-12

Last term

Everyone has settled in so well over the last half term and the children are all making some lovely friendships.

Last term we were working on settling everyone into Playwell and we were looking into where the children are working towards on their development. We also celebrated Autumn, with a walk around the church garden looking for signs of the change of the season. We made bread, painted pictures of vegetables and celebrated Harvest. Thank you to all of you who contributed to our Harvest collection for the people of the Philipot Almshouses, we had very full bags to give away!

Thank you so much to all of our parents who came on the walk to deliver these goodies, we couldn't have gone without you. It was a lovely morning and the children behaved so well. They had a very long walk and were rewarded with a drink, biscuit and a packet of sweets.

This term

This term we will be celebrating Diwali, Bonfire night, Thanksgiving, St Andrews day and Christmas. If your family have a celebration that we don't celebrate, please let us know.

If you know of anyone who plays an instrument that could accompany our singing for the Nativity we would love to know, thank you.

If you didn't already know, we have a Facebook page that we update every Friday with Early Years Foundation Stage info on the adult led activities that have taken place during that week, we post photos of the activities too. We also post reminders of anything else that is happening at Playwell so that you don't miss out.





Applying for reception

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, you will need to apply for a place in Reception class in September 2020. The closing date for applications is January 15th 2020 and you need to apply via the Greenwich website. If you have any questions, please ask.

Parent representatives

We have 2 parent representatives for our Management committee. Claire (Verity's mum) is around Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and Tolfriga (Violet's mum) is available Monday and Wednesday mornings. They are available to talk to you about anything related to Playwell- concerns, issues or praise! They are both very approachable and friendly and cannot wait to have a chat with you.

Child drop-off

We have noticed that a few parents are not coming into the setting and are leaving children at the door. We know that you are very busy and need to rush off to work, but the children are very young and the opportunity to see your child meet their friends and join in activities will not be available when they go to school or nursery. This may be a time that your keyworker may have something to discuss with you.

We also ask that you help your child put their name into their coloured pot. This is a very important part of their day where they are learning the letters of their names which, in turn, will make recognising and writing their name so much easier for them.

Photos

The photographer will be here on Friday 22nd November, siblings are welcome to come and have their photo taken too. If your child doesn't attend Friday mornings, you can bring them in for their photo, just let us know if you are coming. This is a great fundraiser for us and the photographer is fantastic (they make great Christmas presents!)

A couple of reminders

You do not need to bring any changes of clothes for your child unless your key worker has asked you to do so and we ask that you do not bring toys in from home. If you do bring a bag to pre-school, could you please put them on the hatch in the big hall as the children are struggling to find their coats when we go outside.

The children are always so proud of the work they do whilst with us and we are proud of them too, so don't forget to check the tables for your child's hard work.

We are very fortunate that the Church allow us to use the friendship centre before the morning session and we ask that the children do not run around in there as they could hurt themselves on a table or chair. There are books on the bookshelves to read if you are a little early.

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. Thank you.

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

Your child does not need to bring any of their own toys to pre-school, we always have trouble finding them at the end of the day.

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.

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

