



# Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

## November 2020

### Dates for this term

**Photographer – Friday 20th November**

**Christmas Party – Friday 18th December 10-12**

**Last Day of term – Friday 18th December**

**Back to school – Monday 4th January**

As per the DFE and Government guidelines we are continuing our Covid -19 routine. Reminders are at the end of the newsletter.

### Applying for reception

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you will need to apply for a Reception place for September 2021. You will need to apply online before January 15th 2021.

### Photographer

The photographer will (hopefully) be coming to visit us on Friday 20th November. All children are welcome to come and have their photo taken even if they do not attend a Friday morning session but we ask that you let us know beforehand and you will need to stay with your child. We also welcome siblings to have their photos taken too, again, just let us know.

### Lunches

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 so please do not bring in water bottles. We are trying to avoid as much unnecessary contact with items as possible. 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. Can you please provide your child's lunch into a plastic lunchbox so that we can clean it with antibacterial cleaners.

### Other reminders

Please provide your child with a coat as we do go outside every day and please name your child's coats, jumpers and cardigans.





If you have any of our spare clothes could you bring them back to us please.

We have been putting your child's work into carrier bags to avoid lots of people touching it. We ask that you take the bag on your last day of the week. If you need to take the work daily, just take the work out of the bag.

We will be handing out a Christmas newsletter very soon but, sadly, we will not be able to have our Nativity this year for obvious reasons.

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.

Despite all the changes 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.**

## Covid -19 reminders

We are usually very welcoming and love to chat with you, but the way we do things has had to change for the time being.

At the start of the morning session, we are inviting 1 parent per child into the setting to drop your child off. The doors are open from 9 - 9.15 and you and your child must sanitise your hands upon entering the setting.

As we are limiting the number of adults we have in the setting, we ask that you drop your child into Playwell as quickly as you can, unless you are settling your child, as other parents are waiting outside to bring their children in and please wear your mask.

When collecting your child, we are asking that only one adult per child comes into the setting.

We are also asking that you do not leave your buggies and scooters at Playwell, we are trying to avoid as much non-necessary contact with items as possible.

Can you please provide your child's lunch into a plastic lunchbox so that we can clean it with antibacterial cleaners. Please make sure that ALL of your child's lunch fits into the box. It can be confusing as to who has what crisps, who had a banana etc.

Usually we would leave your child's work out on the table for you collect. We are now putting your child's work in a plastic bag for you to collect when you wish. This is to avoid more people touching the work than necessary. Please take your work on your child's last day of the week.





Please do not bring your child in if they have any symptoms – persistent cough, high temperature etc. We have a symptoms notice on our 'Covid' board in the friendship centre for you to check, along with any updates we receive and we hope that you find this useful.

To keep updated of any outbreak, please check the website and facebook.

You may well have noticed that we haven't had some toys available for the children to play with.

Following Government guidelines we are unable to have

- Playdough
- Sand
- Cooking
- Dressing up
- Lego/stickle bricks (due to intricate parts and difficult to clean)

We are also unable to have our rugs for the home corner and book corner and materials to decorate the tables.

Children's practice has changed too. Hand washing has always been a big part of our day, after using the toilet, before eating and after messy play. Children are now encouraged to wash their hands at these times as well as before storytime and after playing outside. Hand sanitiser is used before food and before going home.

Occasionally you may see the children playing with baby clothes, please be assured that they are washed at the end of the day.

All toys are cleaned or sprayed with antibacterial spray at the end of each session before putting away.

We have also had to postpone any outings that we had planned.

We are reviewing our practices regularly.

Let's keep our Playwell community and our families safe.

