



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

April 2021

Dates for this term

Bank holiday - Monday 3rd May

Closed for Mayoral elections - Thursday 6th May

Photographer - Friday 14th May

Last Day of term - Friday 28th May

Back to school - Monday 7th June

We hope that you had a lovely Easter break.

For those children heading off to Reception in September, please let us know which school your child will be attending as soon as you can as we like to chat to the children about the school they are attending and their friends that are going with them. If you are moving on to a nursery in September, please let us know asap.

Last term we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters and all of the children looked great, so many fantastic costumes. We hope that all of you lovely Mums enjoyed the flower that your child made for you for Mothers' Day and we did also celebrate St David's Day, St Patrick's day and Easter. We had an egg hunt, made Easter bonnets, the children made an Easter cone complete with chocolate eggs and the children made a beautiful Spring wallboard.

For the children who have a place in Reception in September, we sent home a wallet with their names and some tracing paper for practising name writing. We like all children to be able to recognise and write their own names before leaving us for school and we would greatly appreciate you taking some time to help your child with this. Please do not write your child's name in capital letters otherwise when they get to school they will have to learn to re-write their name in lower case letters and that can be confusing for them. We thank you for your help.

We will be handing out our annual parent questionnaire form for you to fill out in the next week or so, we really appreciate your feedback and we do apologise that we haven't been able to hold our annual open day for you to visit us, take part in activities and chat to the Playwell management committee for obvious reasons.





We are hoping to have our sports day in Eltham Park in July and we will keep you updated as soon as we can.

You may have seen on our Facebook page our new mud kitchen that was kindly bought for us by Wendy, a long serving member of staff who retired last year. The children have really enjoyed playing with it - making drinks and lunch for each other. You may also have seen on our posts that we have lost lots of our Steich animals, baby orangutans, elephants, snakes, baby tigers and leopards. We are asking you to check around your homes, toy boxes, pockets etc for any toys that you don't recognize that could be ours. We have also lost our Disney Frozen figures too.

For new lunchtime parents - 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 and no eggs 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.

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

We are encouraging the children to try to put their coats on themselves and we would appreciate it if this could continue at home. As we hope the weather may be warming up this term, we ask that you can bring in a named sunhat and that you put sunscreen on your child before coming into pre-school as we are not able to do so.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of you for supporting us by queuing to come into Playwell (which we know is not easy when you have eager young children), for following our one way system and getting tested when necessary. This has enabled us to have a normal term with no closures.

Even though covid numbers are falling we still need to follow the guidelines from the DfE limiting our play and what we can and cannot use. We hope that we can get some gradual normality during the Summer term.

Please remember that you do still need to wear your mask whilst dropping off and picking up your child, you will not be able to come into Playwell without one.

All of the newsletters and letters that we give to you are on the website and daily updates of the children's learning is posted on facebook. We post photos too, so please like us.

Term dates and other important information is on the website as well as on the two notice boards. Please check them regularly just in case you think that you have missed something.

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





Covid -19 reminders

As per the DFE and Government guidelines we are continuing our Covid -19 routine.

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. If you do not have your mask at drop off we will ask you to leave your child at the Playwell door, if you do not have it at collection time, we will send your child out to you.

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

As we now have more children attending Playwell we are asking that if you have older children with you when dropping off, they will need to wait in the large hall or the friendship centre with Julie, this is so that there are not too many bodies in the smaller rooms in the mornings. They can come in with you when collecting.

If your older child is self isolating from school, please do not bring them to Playwell- thank you

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 to collect, we are now putting your child's work in a plastic bag for you to collect when you wish. This is to avoid as many 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. You must get a test immediately, please go to a test centre where the results do come through quicker than a postal test. Remember- the faster you get results, the faster we can act on it and the less contact Playwell staff and children will have with others.

To keep updated of any outbreak, please check our facebook page and we will text you so please let us know if you change your number.





You may well have noticed that we haven't had some toys available for the children to play with. We have started to have the playdough out and it is thrown away at the end of the day and the sand is being used with a 72 hour window between uses. We are hoping to do some food activities this term but cooking is still not allowed at the moment.

We are still 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. This will be the same for Barbie clothes and any dressing up clothes that we have out.

All toys are cleaned at the end of each session before putting away, if they cannot be cleaned they are not used again within 72 hours.

We have also had to postpone any outings and visitors that we had planned but we are hoping to have our sports day in July.

We are reviewing our practices regularly and receiving regular updates from Greenwich early years and the DfE.

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

