



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

January 2022

Dates for this term

Last Day of term – Friday 11th February

Back to school – Monday 21st February

We hope that you had a very happy Christmas.

Christmas closure

We were so desperately sad to have closed before our Nativity and party but we needed to put health and safety first. As you know 3 members of staff tested positive for covid which then left 4 staff members to work up until Christmas performing a nativity and preparing a party. We also needed to be aware that ratios would not have been acceptable if a member of staff needed to leave the room to change a child, or open the door and lunchtimes would have been extremely difficult. We hope that you understand.

If you pay for you pay for your childcare we will refund you in one of two ways:

1. If you are paying for this term we have adjusted your payments and taken off what we owe you for the last week and a half of last term.
2. If you paid last term and are not paying this term we will refund you.

If you claim free childcare, Greenwich have adjusted the payments to us.

Please speak to Julie if you have any queries.

Covid update

Please be reminded that masks must, once again, be worn within Playwell.

Currently, if your child has symptoms please do not bring them in. They must have a PCR test and you need to text us the confirmation of the result, not a photo of the test. Please note that the rules are changing all the time and this is subject to change. Please do not bring your child in if they have symptoms.

Please call or text us if your child won't be attending Playwell and we may well ask you to test them before they come back to pre-school.





Preparing for reception

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, you will need to apply for a place for Reception class for September 2022.

You can apply online at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk or telephone on 020 8921 8043. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.

Children who will be heading off to Reception class in September will be doing 'schoolwork'. We will separate them into small groups and work on name writing, number puzzles, playing games and concentration skills. As there are 25 children, we aim to give them this time 2-3 times a week. If you have any questions about this please ask your keyworker.

Lunches

For new lunchtime parents- If your child is staying for lunch, we ask that you provide 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. If you really must bring in a water bottle, please make sure that it fits into the lunch bag.

No peanut butter, no nuts and no eggs as we have children with allergies, 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.

We do have to fit 25 lunch boxes into the fridge, so can we ask that rucksacks are not used as lunchboxes. Thank you.

Bags & clothes

You do not need to bring in bags for your child unless your key worker has asked to bring extra clothes in. If you do bring in a bag, please leave it on the table in the hall- thank you

Please provide your child with a coat as we do go outside every day and please name your child's coats, jumpers and cardigans. It can be very difficult when a child wants to go outside and we can't find their coat and they can't remember what it looks like - thank you.

Can we remind you that the children's work is on the table for you to take home with you. Please take a look when you collect your child.

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 2 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.

