



# Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

April 2022

## Dates for this term

**Closed for polling - Thursday 5th May**

**Photographer - Friday 13th May**

**Last Day of term - Friday 27th May**

**Back to school - Monday 6th June**

## 'Living with Covid'

The 'living with covid plan' was put in place on April 1st. This means that if your child has a temperature you must not bring them in until the temperature has gone or when they feel well enough to come in. Please call or text us if your child won't be attending Playwell. This is really important as a member of staff needs to then be away from the children to call or text you to know why you have not come in.

## Lunches

If your child stays for lunch - this is very important information. **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 be 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.

## Requests from the church

We have been asked by the Church to remind you that parking is not permitted on Church premises at any time.

The Tuesday lunch club is back, which means that unfortunately you will not be able to leave buggies, scooters etc in the friendship centre. Buggies will need to be folded and left in the hall.





## Preparing for Reception

We are still continuing our 'schoolwork' for children who will be heading off to Reception class in September. We are separating them into small groups and working 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.

## Parent Open Day

We would like to thank you if you came to our parent open day. It was so nice to see you and to have a chat without any time constraints. We hope that you had time to chat with any of the committee members during your time with us and got a chance to chat with your child's keyworker. It really was a lovely day.

## Questionnaire feedback

Thank you for filling out your questionnaires, we really appreciate the feedback.

You have been so very kind in your comments - staff are warm, caring and friendly and activities are varied and the setting is clean. You have also said that you wouldn't change anything and we are humbled by these lovely comments.

## Covid closures and refunds

It was a very dark time at Christmas when we had to close as 3 staff members tested positive for covid and we all remember that we all needed to isolate for 10 days at the time. We apologise that not enough notice was given to you when we did close but covid was a fast mover and it was a time that we lived not knowing what was happening from one day to the next. We did make you aware that week of daily happenings with regards to staff and children testing positive.

We did put in the newsletter the situation with refunds and to speak to Julie if you did not receive one or wasn't happy with your refund. We paid you back in cash or took it off of our next payment. If you are still not happy please come forward and have a chat.

## Tired toys

We are aware that some of our toys are looking old and tired and we are currently making a list of any toys that have seen better days. During covid we couldn't hold any fundraising events to buy new toys and we know that times are tough especially if you are paying fees to us, so we have tried to be understanding of your purse strings and not pressure you for any extra money. As with everything the price of toys has gone up but the quality isn't always appropriate for pre-school settings as some children are heavy handed so toys are easily broken. Hopefully you will see some new toys soon.

## Excursions

Again, covid has scuppered our little trips that we do. We couldn't take children out as we need parents to help us and we couldn't allow this due to the covid rules. We are hoping this term to take a walk to the park through the woods and we are hoping that we can have our





sports day too. We have asked some parents if they can come in and show the children what they do within their work day as they have very interesting jobs. If we haven't asked you and you would like to come in, please speak to us.

### Parent rota

We will have the parent rota up this term as we can now allow you to come in and stay with us for a session.

### Other reminders

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.

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.

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.**

