



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

April 2024

Dates for this term

Closed for Mayoral elections – Thursday 2nd May

Closed for bank holiday – Monday 6th May

Photographer – Friday 10th May

Last Day of term – Friday 24th May Back to school – Tuesday 4th June

Last term we had lots of interesting celebrations to learn about

- Baba Marta in Bulgaria where we made good luck Martenetsi and friendship bracelets
- World Book Day. We had a lot of fun dressing up, writing stories, choosing our favourite books and acting out many stories.
- Mothers day. We hope that you like your card.
- Persian New Year
- Easter.

This term we will be enjoying Spring by taking a walk to the duck pond (weather permitting) and enjoying the warmer weather.

If you are leaving us in July to head off to nursery or if you are staying with us and would like more sessions please let Julie know as soon as possible.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all of you who took the time to fill out our questionnaires, they were very interesting and heart warming to read. A vast majority was so positive about the provision that we provide for your children – thank you.

Many of you have said that we are warm and welcoming to you and your child and activities are varied and the children really enjoy coming to Playwell. THANK YOU!!!

Trips

We would like to take the children out more but the winter term is generally not a good term to take a walk in the woods. We have to plan a couple of weeks in advance and the weather is never kind in January and February. We also like to have a ratio of 1 adult to 2 children, so we are heavily reliant on parent support and we know that your time is precious. We will be planning a walk to the duck pond soon and we will be holding our annual sports day in the park in July.

Management Committee

If you asked for more information on the Management committee, please come and speak to Julie, who will answer your questions.





Not knowing what your child is learning

On our newsletter every term we state that if you have any concerns or queries, please come and talk to us. Please do not sit on a worry, we are always here.

More school focus

We have lots of feedback from schools every year in the area and they do tell us that Playwell children are extremely confident, independent and most of all, happy children. This is our aim- to build independent, confident learners, hence the name the foundation stage.

We make sure that all children who are off to Reception class in September do schoolwork at least 3 times a week. It can be more if they do more hours. We do have a wide age range and all children in our setting are learning throughout all of our activities.

Learning focus

If you are following our facebook page you will see the learning intention of the adult led activities for the day. If you do not follow us, please ask us.

More Foundation stage information

When your child started you were given a welcome pack with foundation stage information in it including a website if you want to investigate further. We also have our wallboard in the friendship centre with photographs along with an information pack attached for you to read. We also post the learning intentions of the activities on facebook and your keyworker discusses the foundation stage with you at the meetings that you have with them. Your keyworker is available to chat at any time.

We do provide an opportunity to talk with your keyworker regularly

We do not provide any formal parents evening/afternoon as, if we have any concerns or praise, this should be discussed with you on the day so that you can discuss with your child. We have 2 or 3 meetings with you in the time your child is with us. If we have more meetings with you it will mean less time working with your child.

Ipads during the morning and afternoon activity

Ipads are used during the morning session on occasion but are not the main activity. It can be difficult to get 35 children to share 4 ipads in less than 3 hours but we will be purchasing more in the coming months so that we can use them more.

If you are on facebook, check out our page, we post every day about our adult led activities and what the learning intentions are.

Our website has our term dates and all the newsletters for you to read also.

Drink Bottles

We have drinks available for all of the children all of the time and they can make a choice -milk or water so drinks bottles are not necessary for you to bring in. We are trying to encourage children to drink out of and hold a cup too, so we are asking that you do not bring them in please unless your keyworker has asked you to – thank you.





Toys

We are asking that you do not bring toys from home to Playwell. They can get easily lost or forgotten and it can upset other children who want to play with your toys. Leave them at home where they are happy – thank you

Bags

You do not need to bring a bag into Playwell unless your keyworker has asked you to. However, if you do bring a bag, can you place it on the hatch in the large hall as children are accessing drinks, toys etc throughout their session. Thank you

Lunches

Please provide your child's lunch in a plastic box. Lunch bags do not fit well on the trolley or in the fridge and we have a lot of lunches! They can also get very dirty and collect germs.

If your child is staying for lunch we ask that you provide a healthy lunch with no sweets in a lunch box not a bag.

Could we also ask that grapes and tomatoes be cut in half as they are a choking hazard and no nuts or peanut butter as we have children with allergies. If your child has a yoghurt please provide a spoon.

Parking

Playwell parents are not permitted to park on the driveway at the front of the Church. This can be dangerous for our little ones leaving the building. Please think of all of the children and their families when collecting or dropping off your child. We know that it is very difficult to find a space around Playwell but please park elsewhere. Let's keep everybody safe.

Unwell children

If your child is feeling unwell, give us a call and please do not bring them into Playwell and keep them at home until they are feeling better and please give us a call or a text to make us aware.

We must advise you that we cannot give calpol to your child.

We lay out all of the children's work at the end of the session in the large hall, please take a look as the children are so proud of their work and cannot wait to show you.

Don't forget to donate to our fruit tin, it sits on the table every morning and we ask that you donate change or notes for us to go and buy the snacks for the children – thank you.

Please name your child's coat and cardigans, sometimes the children have the same ones and it can get very confusing!

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 once your child has settled. We would love you to come and join us for some creative work, storytelling or anything else you may be interested in.





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 notice board, please check it 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.

