# Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

## January 2017

#### Dates for this term

Last Day of term – Friday 10th February Back to school – Tuesday 21st February

#### Welcome back

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a restful break.

We have some new children starting this term and we hope that you join us in making them feel welcome.

## Reception

If your child is due to start Reception class in September please make sure that you have applied for a place online. This must be done before 15th January.

We will be starting our schoolwork sessions for Reception children, this is a 10-20 minute session with 4 or 5 children practicing writing and number work and we ask that you encourage name writing at home too. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any member of staff.

#### Names in coats

Can we ask that you put your child's name in his/her coat as many children don't appear to know what their coat looks like and this will help us when we go outside, thank you.

## Drop off and collecting

We like the children to have the best possible start to their session, so we ask that you are very prompt and arrive on time at 9.05 or 12.00, the gate will be locked at 12.10 at lunchtime. It can be upsetting if their friends have started a fun game without them! Likewise for collecting your child, please be prompt at 12.05 or 3.00, it can be a long day and we don't want to send anybody home sad.

Can we ask all afternoon parents to bring your child into the building when you drop them off and help them remove their coats and help to find their name. Thank you.





#### Lunches

If you are putting grapes into your child's lunch, they do need to be cut in half from top to bottom as they can be a choking hazard, thank you.

### **Buggies and Scooters**

You are welcome to leave your buggies and scooters with us during your child's session as we have an area by the coat stand for them to be left safely. We ask that you fold your buggies to make room for others.

#### Parent Rota

If you are interested in spending some time with us please sign up for our Parent rota once your child has settled. There is one in the friendship centre and one by the back door. We love having parents in as it does help to develop great relationships between staff and parents and carers.

## Check out our Facebook page

If you haven't already done so, have a look at our facebook page – we post every day with all the activities your children have been up to. You will also find the newsletter on the website as well as term dates and occasional posts.

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

Thank you, The Playwell team

