# Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

January 2020

#### Dates for this term

Last Day of term – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Back to school – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

#### Welcome back

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and it's great to see everyone back and ready to play and learn through another term.

We were very proud of the children with their Nativity performance. Well done everyone.

If you didn't already know, we have a Facebook page that we update every Friday with Early Years Foundation Stage info on the adult led activities that have taken place during that week, we post photos of the activities too. We also post reminders of anything else that is happening at Playwell so that you don't miss out.

We did post on our facebook page our thanks for your generosity and kindness in giving us Christmas presents and cards. If you didn't see it – thank you very much, it is so very kind of you.

## Preparing for reception

If your child's date of birth is between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, you will need to apply for a place in Reception class in September 2020. The closing date for applications is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 and you need to apply via the Greenwich website. If you have any questions, please ask.

If you know that your child will be leaving us in September for nursery, could you please let us know. Thank you.

We will be starting school work this term for the children who are starting Reception class in September. This is suited to each individual child by their keyworker. So, some children may be working on numbers, others will be writing their names and others will be learning to sit and play games. Each child will be doing this 2-3 times a week for 10(ish) minutes at a time. If you have any questions please speak to your keyworker.





#### Lunchboxes

Our afternoons are full and we have 25 children staying for lunch, this is fantastic but it also means that we have to fit 25 lunchboxes into our fridge. Can you please provide your child's lunch into a lunchbox or a small lunch bag, rucksacks are too big to fit in the fridge. We also provide milk or water at lunchtime, so you don't need to provide drinks either.

## Missing toys

We have been aware that children are putting our toys into their pockets and taking them home. We have lost a few animals and Disney characters, so can we please ask you to check their pockets for toys going home and toys coming in. Thank you.

## **Fundraising**

We will be fundraising this term for new toys, so please look out for our notices.

## Old phones wanted

The children love playing with old mobile phones and we have lost a few, if you have any old mobiles lying around- could we have them please? If you could remove the battery and the sim that would be great, thank you.

## Parent reps

Don't forget to have a chat with our 2 parent reps, Claire and Katie

## A couple of reminders-

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. No peanut butter and no nuts 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.

If your child is unwell could you please give us a call or a text.

All of the newsletters and letters that we give to you are on the website and weekly updates of the children's learning is posted on facebook. 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.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable term at Playwell.

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

Thank you, The Playwell team



