



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

February 2021

Dates for this term

Last Day of term – Wednesday 31st March

Back to school – Tuesday 20th April

World book day - Thursday 4th March

We hope that you had a lovely half term.

This term we will be celebrating books for World Book Day, Mothers' Day and Easter. For World Book Day on the 4th March we are asking all the children who attend Thursdays to dress up as their favourite book character. We can't wait to see your outfits!

Don't forget to read our 'covid newsletter' on the board in the friendship centre and attached. Please note the changes regarding older siblings.

For new lunchtime parents, 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 so please do not bring in water bottles. We are trying to avoid as much non-necessary contact with items as possible. No peanut butter, nuts or 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. Can you please provide your child's lunch into a plastic lunchbox so that we can clean it with antibacterial cleaners.

Please provide your child with a coat as we do go outside every day and please name your child's coats, jumpers and cardigans. Thank you.

We are encouraging the children to try to put their coats on themselves and we would appreciate it if this could continue at home.

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.





Covid -19 reminders

As per the DFE and Government guidelines we are continuing our Covid -19 routine.

We are usually very welcoming and love to chat with you, but the way we do things has had to change for the time being.

At the start of the morning session, we are inviting 1 parent per child into the setting to drop your child off. The doors are open from 9 - 9.15 and you and your child must sanitise your hands upon entering the setting.

As we are limiting the number of adults we have in the setting, we ask that you drop your child into Playwell as quickly as you can, unless you are settling your child, as other parents are waiting outside to bring their children in and please wear your mask. If you do not have your mask at drop off we will ask you to leave your child at the Playwell door. If you do not have it at collection time, we will send your child out to you.

When collecting your child, we are asking that only 1 adult per child comes into the setting.

As we now have more children attending Playwell we are asking that if you have older children with you when dropping off, they will need to wait in the large hall or the friendship centre with Julie. This is so that there are not too many bodies in the smaller rooms in the mornings. They can come in with you when collecting.

Once the schools start to go back, if your older child is self isolating from school, please do not bring them to Playwell - thank you

We are also asking that you do not leave your buggies and scooters at Playwell. We are trying to avoid as much non-necessary contact with items as possible.

Can you please provide your child's lunch into a plastic lunchbox so that we can clean it with antibacterial cleaners. Please make sure that ALL of your child's lunch fits into the box. It can be confusing as to who has what crisps, who had a banana etc.

Usually we would leave your child's work out on the table for you to collect. We are now putting your child's work in a plastic bag for you to collect when you wish. This is to avoid as many people touching the work as possible. Please take your work on your child's last day of the week.

Please do not bring your child in if they have any symptoms – persistent cough, high temperature etc. You must get a test immediately, please go to a test centre where the results do come through quicker than a postal test. Remember- the faster you get results, the faster we can act on it and the less contact Playwell staff and children will have with others.

We have a symptoms notice on our 'Covid' board in the friendship centre for you to check, along with any updates we receive and we hope that you find this useful.

To keep updated of any outbreak, please check the website and facebook.





You may have noticed that we haven't had some toys available for the children to play with.

Following Government guidelines we are unable to have

- Playdough
- Sand
- Cooking
- Dressing up
- Lego/sticklebricks (due to intricate parts and difficult to clean)

We are also unable to have our rugs for the home corner and book corner and materials to decorate the tables.

Children's practice has changed too. Hand washing has always been a big part of our day; after using the toilet, before eating and after messy play. Children are now encouraged to wash their hands at these times as well as before storytime and after playing outside. Hand sanitiser is used before food and before going home.

Occasionally you may see the children playing with baby clothes. Please be assured that they are washed at the end of the day.

All toys are cleaned or sprayed with antibacterial spray at the end of each session before putting away.

We have also had to postpone any outings that we had planned.

We are reviewing our practices regularly.

Let's keep our Playwell community and families safe.

