



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

January 2023

Dates for this term

Last Day of term – Friday 10th February

Back to school – Monday 20th February

We hope that you all had a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We would like to thank all of you for your lovely gifts and cards with such kind words.

We would like to apologise for the late change of venue for our Nativity. Unfortunately the boiler was being fixed and we could not guarantee that there would be heating in the Church. We had been unable to take the children in there to practise and become used to the building because of the lack of heating. We were very disappointed as we haven't been able to do our Nativity for two years and we did the best we could in the two days notice that we had. We apologise if your child did not enjoy taking part in the performance.

Reception

If your child's date of birth is between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, you will need to apply for a place in Reception class for September 2023. You can apply online at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk or telephone on 020 8921 8043. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.

If your child is heading to Reception class in September, they will be taking part in our 'schoolwork' sessions. They will be working in small groups 2-3 times a week and will be working on recognising and writing names, concentration skills and maths skills. These sessions will be based on the individual child's learning needs. If you have any questions regarding schoolwork, please chat to your key worker.

Lunches

If your child is staying for lunch, we ask that you provide a healthy lunch with no sweets in a lunch box and not a lunch bag. We cannot fit lunch bags on the trolley or in the fridge and they can get very dirty and collect germs.

Could we also ask that grapes and tomatoes are 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 in a pot please provide a spoon.





Bringing your child in

When you are dropping your child off to pre-school in the morning, please bring them into the room where their name is so that you can help them find their name, put it into the pot and help them to settle into an activity. Please do not leave them at the door.

Tuesdays

On Tuesdays, can you please bring your buggies into the hall for storage and please fold them up. We will be using the hall a lot more this term and they do take up a lot of space if left up.

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. Covid is still around and we need to protect our Playwell community – children, staff and parents – thank you.

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

Energy saving

We are all currently watching our energy usage at the moment so, with this in mind, we are asking you to bring an extra layer in for our child in case they feel a bit chilly. We hope that you won't notice any change and we will try to keep your children as warm as we possibly can.

Other notices

Our session times are 9-12 and 9-3. We ask that you arrive by 9:15 when we close the doors so that the children get into good timekeeping for school. Their names are out when they come in and this is important for them to start recognising their name in preparation for writing it before they go to school and they can join in with play with their friends. If they arrive late, they miss out on these important parts of the day and we do have to leave the children to come and answer the door. If you know that you are going to be later than 9:30 we will ask you to miss the morning session and come in at 12. If you would like to discuss this further, please come and speak to us.

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!

You do not need to bring a bag into Playwell unless your keyworker asks you to. We have many spare clothes.

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.

May we advise you that parking is not permitted on Church premises.





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.

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.

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

