



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

November 2023

Dates for this term

Last Day of term – Wednesday 20th December

Back to school – Monday 8th January

Photographer- Friday 17th November

Nativity and Christmas party – Wednesday 20th December

This term we will be very busy celebrating firework night, Diwali, and Christmas. Please note that we will be having our Nativity and our party on the same day this year. We will let you know as soon as times are confirmed but they will be in the morning.

If you would like your child to have extra sessions in January can you please let Julie know as soon as possible please, spaces are filling up fast.

Photographer

The photographer will be visiting us on Friday 17th November, if your child does not attend a Friday morning, you can still bring them in to have their photograph taken. Siblings are also welcome.

This can be a great fundraiser for us as we are a non-profit making organisation and we appreciate your support.

Applying for Reception

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you will need to apply for a place for Reception class for September 2024.

You can apply online at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk or telephone on 020 8921 8043.

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

Last term

Last term was a very busy term, we welcomed lots of new friends and everybody has settled really well. We are very proud of you all.

We talked 'all about me', painting our portraits, talking about our favourite colours and our favourite foods amongst other things. We enjoyed the book 'Shark in the park' and we celebrated Harvest by sharing food with the elderly people at the Philipot Almshouses. Thank you so much to Claire, Paige, Michelle, Brooke, Colin, Lucy, Tegan, Dorota, Roberto and Sharon for coming on the trip with us, we couldn't do it without you.





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.

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.

Dropping off children

When dropping your child off in the morning, can you please ensure that you take them through to the back two halls. We know that it is very difficult when the hall is set up with climbing and toys and it looks so much fun for the children but please remember we have the door open. We cannot look after your child in the hall and maintain safety by the door.

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 they can get very dirty and collect germs. You do not need to provide a water bottle but if you feel you must, please put your child's names on it or ensure that it fits in your box

We cannot fit all of the bags in the fridge- please provide a box.

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.

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.

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 in to 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.

