



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

November 2024

Dates for this term

Last day of term – Friday 20th December

Back to school – Tuesday 7th January

Photographer – Friday 15th November

Nativity – Friday 20th December 9.30-10

Christmas party – Friday 20th December 10-12

We have a very busy term ahead of us celebrating fireworks, Diwali and Christmas. Last term we welcomed our new friends who have settled really well - we are all very proud of you! We also celebrated the start of Autumn. We talked 'all about me' and we had fun with the book 'Supertato'. We sang our Harvest and Autumn songs to the Tuesday lunch club in the friendship centre and we sat and played games and did puzzles with them- we had great fun

News & Updates

Applying for Reception

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you will need to apply for a place for Reception class for September 2025.

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

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2025.

Working families free childcare

If you have access to the working families free childcare, may we remind you that you will need to update your code before we end the term on the 20th December. If you are applying for a new code, please also do this before the end of the term- thank you

Extra Sessions

If you would like extra sessions for your child in January, please let Julie know as soon as possible please- thank you

Milk tins

We are collecting baby milk tins for storage. If you, or anyone you know has baby formula in tins, we would love to have them- thank you

Child photographs

The photographer will be visiting us on Friday 15th November during the morning session. If your child does not attend Fridays you are welcome to bring them in to have their photograph taken- please let us know if you wish to do this. Siblings are also welcome to





have theirs done too.

Christmas Nativity

Our Christmas nativity will be held in the Church on Friday 20th December and the Christmas party will be after the performance. The Christmas newsletter is attached with all the details.

Connecting further online

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.

Some reminders

Drink Bottles

We have drinks available for all of the children all of the time and they can make a choice -milk or water so drinks bottles are not necessary for you to bring in. We are trying to encourage children to drink out of and hold a cup too, so we are asking that you do not bring them in please unless your keyworker has asked you to – thank you.

Toys

If your child needs a small toy to help them settle into Playwell, we are happy to accommodate this but we do ask that you do not bring toys from home to Playwell. They can get easily lost or forgotten and it can upset other children who want to play with your toys. Leave them at home where they are happy – thank you

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. Thank you

Lunches

Please provide your child's lunch in a plastic box. Lunch bags do not fit well on the trolley or on the fridge as sometimes we have a lot of lunches. They can also get very dirty and collect germs.

If your child is staying for lunch we ask that you provide a healthy lunch with no sweets in a lunch box not a 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 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 into 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.

Children's work

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.

Fruit tin

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.

Naming clothing

Please name your child's coat and cardigans, sometimes the children have the same ones and it can get very confusing!

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.

