



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

January 2025

Dates for this term

Last day of term – Friday 14th February

Back to school – Monday 24th February

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas. We would all like to thank you for our lovely cards and gifts, you have all been so kind – Thank you.

We always put as a footnote at the end of our newsletter about talking to us about any worries or concerns that you may have whilst your child is with us. This is so important to us that we have knowledge of your worries, so that we can sort them out as quickly as possible. We are always here for you.

News & Updates

Reception places

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.

For the children who will be heading to Reception class in September, we will be concentrating on 'schoolwork sessions'. We aim to work with each child 3-4 times a week in small groups of 4-5 children. We will be concentrating on name writing ensuring that the children are confident in using the correct letters in the correct order moving onto numbers and small sums. Please be assured that each session will be catered to each child's development. If you would like to discuss schoolwork, please chat to your key worker.

This terms' focus

This term we will be celebrating Chinese New Year and St Valentines day. We will be working on fine motor skills and number work and we will also be listening to the children and planning from what they enjoy and what they are interested in.

Saying goodbye

Sadly, Debbie will be leaving us at the end of this half term to spend more time with her family. We wish her every happiness for the future.

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.

