



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

May 2025

Dates for this term

Last day of term – Friday 23rd May

Closed Bank holiday Monday – 5th May

Photographer – Friday 9th May

Back to school – Tuesday 3rd June

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.

Photographer

The photographer will be visiting us on Friday 9th May for the morning session. If your child does not attend a Friday morning session, you are welcome to bring them in for their photo, siblings are welcome too. Please let us know- thank you

Toys

We are aware that more toys are coming in from home and we are asking you again 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.

We know that dressing up is fun and we are aware that these outfits are really expensive too but we ask that children not come in wearing dressing up dresses as they do get covered in paint and glue. We have plenty of dressing up here at Playwell for the children to enjoy. We also have a rule that they cannot be worn whilst the children are on the climbing frame, so they do stop children from visiting all play areas.

Weather

We are hoping for warmer weather over the coming months and with this in mind we ask sunscreen is applied before the children come into pre-school as we are unable to apply it for you. Please be assured that we will not be outside if the weather gets too hot. We also ask that the children do not wear sandals as they are not appropriate for climbing and running.

Safety at the doors

We have 2 staff members at both doors at drop off times. One at the main door and one at the door between the hall and middle room. This is to stop children running out of the pre-school.





Park visit

We are hoping to have a visit to the park very soon. We are monitoring the weather and will try to give you plenty of notice as we need parent helpers.

Sports Day

We will be holding our sports day in July. This is in Eltham park and we close Playwell for the day. It is always lots of fun. We will let you know when we have a date!

Questionnaires

Thank you so much for filling out our short questionnaires last term, we do appreciate your feedback. Your comments were very kind-

- Friendly approach and kindness
- Nurturing setting
- Different activities catering for children's needs
- Large space
- Themes and celebrations
- The setting is changed daily offering a variety of activities
- Very welcoming
- Excellent communication in person and facebook
- Playwell open longer hours- this is very kind of you to want your children to be with us longer but, as we only rent the halls from the Church, other groups use the space too.
- Parent events- please let us know your ideas on this.
- Separate coats and lunches at afternoon pick up- we will endeavour to separate the two trolleys for easier access.
- Meet the keyworker before starting- all of the staff work with your child during their time at Playwell which is why we encourage a visit before you start with us. The keyworker is not allocated until the beginning of September just before the children start.
- Management committee- please see the Management Committee board in the friendship centre. If you would like more information, please come and ask.
- Class lists given to parents- for Christmas cards and more personalised ones for party invites. This would be a lot of work given that children can change their friendship circles very quickly. We can give you a list for a party – just ask us.
- Phonics – All children are at different levels and some children are currently working on very basic oral sounds. On reflection of this comment we have purchased new flashcards to assist this early learning. If you have queries about schoolwork please ask. We at Playwell are all about getting the children 'Reception ready' which means that your child is confident and independent enough to start school and be ready for the challenges that school will provide. We will only do what your child is ready to do and adapt their learning to their abilities. They are still learning through play which is a vital element to a strong foundation in their lives.

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.

Lunches

Please provide your child's lunch in a plastic box. We are now full most afternoons and have to try to fit 25 lunches into our fridge as our food policy states and lunch bags do take up a lot of room. 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.

Connect 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. We post photos too, so please give them a like.

Term dates, newsletters 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.

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

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. Please be mindful that staff do catch what the children bring in and can pass it onto their families too.

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

Other reminders

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.

Thank you for your donations to our fruit tin. For our new parents -If you would like to donate, our fruit tin 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!

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

