



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

February 26

Back to school - Monday 23rd February

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

Last day of term- Friday 27th March

Bank holiday closure - Monday 4th May

Polling Day closure for elections - Thursday 7th May

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Last term we celebrated Chinese New Year and Valentine's day along with celebrating the kindness of the children by making a kindness tree. It has grown slowly but it is growing! The schoolwork is working well and the children are enjoying the activities planned for them. We will be continuing this until the end of the year, working at the individual child's pace. Once again we will be focusing on remembering our manners- please and thank you, sharing and being kind. We will also be celebrating Spring, Baba Marta, World book day, Mothers day and Easter- a busy term ahead.

Toys

We have become aware that more toys are coming into the setting. 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.

Lunches

Please provide your child's lunch in a plastic box. We store lunches in the fridge as our Food policy states and lunch bags do take up a lot of room in the fridge. We are full in the afternoons and 25 lunch bags will not fit in the fridge. 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 be 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. Thank you

Parent Questionnaires

We will be handing out Parent questionnaire forms this term for you to fill in. These help us to assess the quality of the setting and if there is anything we can improve on. We appreciate your time and support- thank you

World Book Day

We ask all of the children to dress up as a favourite book character on Thursday 5th March. This is a fun day for us and we always look forward to seeing all of the costumes!

Allergies

We have a child with allergies to nuts, bananas and eggs because of this we ask that if you wish to buy fruit for the children's snack time, please do not buy bananas. It is ok for your child to have bananas in their lunch. Also, if your child has a birthday, please do not provide anything with nuts or anything with eggs. We also have a child who does not eat gelatine, so jelly sweets cannot be given to the children- thank you for your understanding.

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.

Accidents at home

If your child has an accident at home or out and about, please let us know as we may worry that they have had the accident whilst with us. It does save us a lot of worry- thank you

Parking

Please do not park on, or across the drive. 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.

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. Thank you

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.

Thank you for your donations to our fruit tin. 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 worries or concerns regarding your child - Thank you