



Radcliffe-on-Trent Pre-School Playgroup

Autumn Term Newsletter 2019

Welcome back after the Summer break. It is lovely to see your children again and we have had a really good start back this week with chances to see old friends and meet new ones! We welcome our new Playgroup children and families and we look forward to having you with us.

We are very excited about our new pergola and are already making good use of our it to extend activities such as mark making and construction into the outdoor space. Our fundraising activities for this coming year will be used to add to resources for the outdoor space, and to enhance our setting to bring more 'awe and wonder' into children's experiences at Playgroup. We had a fantastic staff training day, delivered by a specialist teacher, about bringing 'awe and wonder' into children's experiences. This means to build on children's natural curiosity to want to know why and what next and how, and we are very excited about bringing this thread into our teaching at Playgroup.

Over the Summer we have said goodbye to Kelli Scott who has moved to work with Children's Services. We congratulate her on her success in gaining this position and wish her well in her new role supporting families.

Helen Guy-Clark has stepped down from her full-time assistant role to a cover staff role, to make more time for her family and a new business venture. Helen has already been with us as a much-loved member of the team for 10 years and we're delighted that she will continue to be involved with Playgroup.

We welcome Kerry Monk, who you may already have seen with us at the end of the Summer Term, and who will be part of the team on Fridays and as cover staff. Kerry brings a wealth of experience and we are delighted to have her with us.

If you have any old spare pots and pans and utensils, and winter plants or herbs, which the children could use in the home corner and mud kitchen please bring them in. We would also like cardboard tubes (kitchen towel ones), boxes, yoghurt pots and any other box-modelling and creative area resources (eg ribbon, material squares etc).
Thank you!

Diary Dates

Sunflower entries in by Friday 6th September please.

Afternoon Prosecco Tea and Cake fundraiser on Saturday 7th September 2-5pm at 55 Cropwell Road. Tickets at £5 including first drink and cake are still available – please message us if you would like to come and support us. Please note that this is an adult only event.

Village Show this Sunday 8th September
The annual Village Show will be held this Sunday at The Grange. There are lots of categories to enter for all the family with many specifically for children including arts and crafts, sewing, Lego and baking. The full details can be found at: <https://www.rotpc.com/events/village-show/> Entries are to be registered on Saturday between 10am - 2pm and then dropped off on Sunday morning before being judged later in the day. It's a great day out for everyone so we'd love to see you there showing your support. We wish you lots of luck with your entries!

Fundraising Pub Quiz Sunday 6th October at The Manvers 7.30pm for 8pm start – save the date!

Autumn Half Term Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November – please note that this half term is for 2 weeks

Playgroup Ladies Night Gift and Pamper Fair – FRIDAY 22nd November at Radcliffe Hall (by the British Legion)

Tuesday 26th November Photoshoot sessions with Ochre Red Studios for Playgroup children and siblings from 8.20 am – more details to follow

Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 20th December
Playgroup opens after Xmas break on **Mon 6th Jan**

Spring Half Term 2020 17th – 21st Feb plus INSET day on Monday 24th Feb – Playgroup CLOSED

INSET day Friday 22nd May 2020 – Playgroup CLOSED

We also need spare boys' and girls' socks and pants please plus wellies in larger sizes (up to age 4).

Contact Numbers

Please make sure you contact us on the appropriate number and email. This is really important as the Business Manager only works part time and so will not be able to pick up messages every day.

If your child is ill and will not be at Playgroup for his/her session please phone **June our Supervisor and the staff at Playgroup** on **07891 829513** or email

rotpreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com

Please also let us know if your child will be absent for any other reason as we are required to account for all absences for safeguarding reasons.

For any queries relating to fees, invoices, funding, changes to sessions on a permanent basis or general administration please call our **Business Manager, Deborah**, on **07505 606447** or email at rotplaygroupadmin@googlemail.com

Website and Facebook

Visit our website at www.rotpreschoolplaygroup.co.uk and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ROTPSPplaygroup for news and developments

Autumn Term fees

- Invoices for this term will be sent out in the next week (w/c 9 Sept) and will be due before the half term break.
- If you have arranged instalments over the course of the term by prior agreement with Deborah, please ensure that your instalment payments are made promptly as agreed.
- Bank details are provided at the bottom of your invoice.
- Failure to pay fees/instalments in a timely manner could result in your child losing their place for the next term.

Notice period for children leaving

Children leaving – please remember to give notice

- If your child is leaving or dropping sessions during or at the end of this term we require 4 weeks' term time notice in writing. To give us adequate notice for the end of Autumn Term you would need to let us know by **Friday 22nd November** please.
- Please use one of our Notice Forms to let us know if you are dropping sessions
- If your child is going to be starting at the school nursery and you would like additional sessions with take and collect to and from nursery please ask us as early as you can.

STIKINS name labels

Naming clothes, bags and water bottles

Please don't forget to label coats, scarves, gloves, hats and boots, bags and bottles to avoid confusion, and check the lost property box regularly.

We have an arrangement with STIKINS, which benefits Playgroup – please look at the link on our website to buy these waterproof non-iron labels which can be used on all of these items.

Thank you for reading and we wish your children and you an enjoyable Autumn Term

Funding forum – looking ahead to next Spring Term 2020

Government funded places for ALL eligible 3 and 4 year olds for Spring Term 2020

Children born between 01/08/2016 and 31/12/2016 will become eligible for up to 15 hours per week of funded places at Playgroup from the Spring Term 2020 starting in January 2020. To discuss how you can use your entitlement, please contact Deborah. This 15 hours' of funding is a universal entitlement – all 3+ year olds are eligible.

30 Hours Free Childcare for working households

Children turning 3 during this Autumn Term may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare from the Spring Term 2020 if both (or one if only one in the household) parents/carers within the household work. The only earnings cap is £100K each, as the funding is designed to encourage both parents back into work.

Go to [https://childcare-](https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow)

[support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow](https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow) for more information. Application is **made by you** to HMRC and you will be provided with a code. You **MUST** obtain this code in the term **BEFORE** your child will be eligible for funding. So if your child turns three between 1 Sept 2019 and 31 Dec 2019 you must apply for your code this Autumn Term by 31 December 2019 in order to claim funding starting Spring Term 2020.

Please let Deborah when you receive the code and she will give you a funding form to complete for us to claim the funding. You can split your 30 hours between more than one setting, including childminders and the school nursery.

Verifying your 30 hour code

Codes have an expiry date and HMRC will notify you to remind you to re-check your code through your account with them from time to time. **Please make sure you do this as you will lose the right to funding if your code lapses.**

If you have any funding queries please contact Deborah and she will be happy to help you.

Session costs from this Sept and ad hocs

Ad hoc sessions are available (subject to having space on the day) and can be booked by phoning Playgroup on 07891 829513. It might be a good way to try our Breakfast or After School Club to see if your child enjoys it.

We ask you to 'Pay and Play' for ad hoc sessions, so payment is required on the day, please. Please note that, because of the Nottinghamshire County Council rules on funded places, ad hoc sessions cannot be covered by funding and will be charged for. Our sessions and prices from September 2019 are:

Breakfast Club: 7.30am – 9am £7.55

Morning: 9am – 12 £14.10

Morning early start 8.30am £9.90

Lunch Club: 12-1pm £4.70

(must be in conjunction with a morning or afternoon session)

Afternoon: 1pm – 3.30pm £15.75

After School Club: 3.30 – 6pm £12.25

Full day: 7.30am – 6pm £50.35

We can take to Nursery and Collect from Nursery for and from lunch club. A take or a collect walk costs £1.10 in addition to the cost of the session. Breakfast and a light, hot tea will be provided as part of the before and after school session, and is included in the price shown above.