



Radcliffe-on-Trent Pre-School Playgroup

Co-Op Community Fund – please sign up to benefit Playgroup

As you may already know, Playgroup has been chosen to be part of our local Co-Op's Community Fund. Until October 2020 for every £1 spent in the Radcliffe Co-Op 1% will be passed back to local causes – of which we are one. So how can you help?

1. Become a Co-op member, if you aren't already, just ask in store or apply online
2. then select your cause (hopefully Playgroup!) by signing into your online account at www.coop.co.uk/membership
3. ask all your friends and family to sign up too!

The more people that support us the more we will receive – and, as we are a registered charity, every single penny raised is put straight back into the setting for the benefit of your children.

Playgroup AGM Tues 31st March 8pm Dowson Room Old Grange

Please come and join us for a glass of wine and hear about what Playgroup has done this last year and its plans for the future. **You are particularly welcome at the AGM even if you are not joining the committee - we need to have parents attending to be quorate so we would really love to see you there!**

For those of you who may be interested in joining the committee we will be sending a nominations form out by email and you will be able to express your interest in joining us. If you'd like to find out a bit more about being on the committee please ask at Playgroup and we can put you in touch with one of the committee members.

Playgroup Quiz Sunday 15th March.

Our next fundraiser is our Quiz at the Chestnut Pub on Sunday 15th March. It is always a fun evening so please ask friends and family to make up teams of 4 – 6 and come and join us! Tickets are £5 each and include a light hot supper. Tickets will be available from Playgroup, committee members, Pen2Paper and the Chestnut Pub shortly. Numbers are limited so don't miss out!

Eco Party Kit

If you are planning a party then consider hiring out our brightly coloured, gender-neutral patterned eco party ware – matching plates, bowls, cups, bunting, serving dishes, cutlery and napkins. The party ware is delivered in a handy box and is just used for the parties. To hire it please get in touch with us via Facebook. We also have Prosecco glasses for hire!

The costs are £5 for up to 25 settings (option to return them dirty for £10) or £7.50 for up to 50 settings (option to return dirty for £12.50). Prosecco glasses – 45 for £5 hire with £1 per breakage.

Spring Term Newsletter 2020

Diary Dates

INSET Day Monday 24th February – Playgroup CLOSED

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Half Term Week

Pre-School Playgroup will be closed

Sunday 15th March 7.30pm for 8pm start

Fundraiser Quiz at The Chestnut

Get a team together and join us for a fun evening! Tickets £5.00 each include a light supper and will be available from Playgroup, or any committee member, Pen2Paper or the Chestnut Pub shortly. Numbers are limited so be sure to get yours.

Tuesday 31st March 8pm Dowson Room Old Grange

Playgroup AGM

See across for details

Last Day of Spring Term Friday 3rd April

Pre-school playgroup will be closed over the Easter period, re-opening on **Monday 20th April.**

Looking ahead to Summer Term.....

FRIDAY 8th May Bank Holiday for VE Day – Playgroup closed (please note that Playgroup will be open as usual on Monday 4th May)

Friday 22nd May INSET Day Playgroup closed
May Half Term 25th – 29th May Playgroup closed

Playgroup Community Party Saturday 6th June

At Playgroup – fun for all, details to follow

Ochre Red Studios in on **Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June** for Class of 2020 group photographs – see below

Village Carnival Saturday 11th July

Playgroup children take part in the procession and Playgroup has a stall – more details will follow

Friday 24th July Last Day of Summer term

First day back of Autumn Term – provisionally Wednesday 2nd September but subject to confirmation

Ochre Red Studios will be taking end of year group photos for you to purchase. The photo will be a montage of large and small group pictures taken outdoors at Playgroup and will be a lovely keepsake from your child's Playgroup years. It will be available to purchase as a 10 x 8 mounted print for £15. More details nearer the time but please note the dates. Jason is likely to be here on the Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon and we will contact parents nearer the time to ensure we have your consent to your child being in the photos. You will be able to bring your child in if they are not normally in on the day.

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

Ad hoc Sessions

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, whether by online payment, vouchers, cash or cheque.

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 are:

Breakfast Club: 7.30am – 9am £9.05* incs breakfast

Early start 8.30 – 9am £2.35

Morning: 9am – 12 £14.10

Lunch Club: 12-1pm £4.70

Afternoon: 1pm – 3.30pm £11.75

Standard full day 9am – 3.30pm £30.55

After School Club: 3.30 – 6pm £14.75* incs hot tea

Extended Full day: 7.30am–6pm £54.35* incs breakfast and hot tea

We can Take to and Collect from Nursery school in conjunction with our lunch club. A Take or a Collect walk costs £2 in addition to the cost of the session (9am-12.40pm plus Take or Collect plus 11.45am -3.30pm).

Website and Facebook

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

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

Funding forum

Government funded places for ALL eligible 3 year olds for Summer Term 2020

Children born between 01/01/2017 and 31/03/2017 will become eligible for up to 15 hours per week of funded places at Playgroup from the Summer Term starting on 20th April 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 - and Playgroup applies for you.

30 Hours Free Childcare – act BEFORE 31 March 2020 if your child will turn three during this Spring term

3 and 4 year olds may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare from the Summer Term if both (or one if only one in the household) parents/carers within the household work. Go to <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 will turn three before 31/03/2020 you must apply for your code **strictly before 31/03/2020** in order to claim funding next term. Please bring the code to Deborah as soon as you receive it.

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.

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 Spring Term you would need to let us know **by Friday 6th March** 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 collects to and from nursery please ask us as early as you can.

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.