



Spring Newsletter

Your half-term newsletter from playgroup!

Spare Clothes!

Please remember to pack spare clothes for your child as the weather is unpredictable outside and accidents happen. Make sure to also pack appropriate clothing for use outdoors as we are expecting plenty of rain this term, and there is a chance of snow.

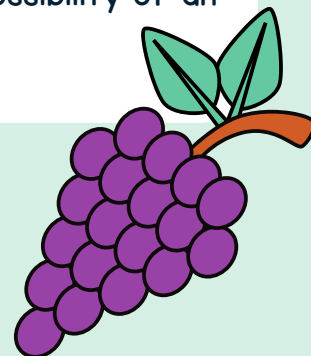
If you have any old preschool size clothes - particularly socks and girls' leggings, please consider donating these as we are in need for emergencies!



Grapes!

If you are packing grapes or cherry tomatoes in your child's lunchbox please quarter them lengthwise.

These are a big choking hazard in 2-5 year olds and we want to avoid any possibility of an incident.



Ladies Night

Thanks to your support, we managed to raise an amazing £1200 at Ladies Night in November for Playgroup!

Term Dates

Don't forget half term is from 13th to 17th Feb, and we also have an INSET day on 20th Feb.

New Committee

Playgroup is a Registered Charity that is run by a committee. Thank you to all our new members for your help and support! We had our first meeting with the new group this week and can't wait to implement all the new ideas!

Invoices

Invoices went out for the term this week. If you haven't received yours, please email Emily. We will be switching to monthly invoicing in the Summer Term. If you have any queries, please ask.



Reminders!

Ad Hoc Sessions

We have good availability for Ad Hoc sessions this term. These can be booked by phoning Playgroup on 07891829513. They are 'pay as you go'.

The prices are as follows:

Breakfast Club: 8am - 9am £7.25

Morning: 9am - 12 £15.75

Morning early start 8.30am - 9am £2.65

Lunch Club: 12-1pm £5.25

Afternoon: 1pm - 4pm £15.75

After School Club: 4 - 5pm £8.25

Standard Full day: 9am - 4pm £36.75



Notice Period

Don't forget, there is a 4 week notice period on dropping sessions.

Funding Forms

If you have not yet completed your form, please ask at the gate if there is anything left to sign.

STIKINS Name Labels

Please don't forget to label coats, hats, bags and bottles to avoid confusion, and check the lost property box regularly. Use the STIKINS link on our website for waterproof non-iron labels which can be used for all these items and earns us commission.

DON'T FORGET



Allergies

Please do not pack nut or egg products in your child's packed lunch. This is imperative as we have children in the setting with serious allergies.

Please pack alternate shoes if your child is wearing wellies on arrival as June is highly allergic to latex.

Thank you for your understanding.



Contact Numbers

Ill or Absent? Please call Playgroup on 07891829513 or email

rotpreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com.

Fees, invoices, funding, changes to sessions or general admin queries? Please email Emily at

rotplaygroupadmin@googlemail.com



Funding FAQs

Turning 3

All children born between 01/01/2020 and 31/03/2020 will become eligible for up to 15 hours per week of funded places at Playgroup from the Summer Term 2023 starting in April. To discuss how you can use your entitlement, please contact Emily. This 15 hours' of funding is a universal entitlement. All 3+ year olds are eligible and we apply on your behalf.



Verifying your 30 Hour Code

You **MUST** obtain this code the term **BEFORE** your child will be eligible for funding. If they turn 3 between 1/1/23 and 31/3/23, you must apply this Spring Term by 31/3/22 in order to claim funding starting Summer Term 2023. Codes have an expiry date and HMRC will notify you to remind you to re-check your code through your account with them. Please make sure you do this as you will lose the right to funding if your code lapses.

30 Hours for working households

Children turning 3 during this term may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare from the Summer Term 2023 if both (or one if only one in the household) parents/carers within the household work. Terms and Conditions apply.

- Application is made by you to HMRC
- You will be provided with a code (see Verifying your 30 Hour Code)

When to Apply

When your child turns 3	When they can get 30 hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October to 30 November
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January to 28 February
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 31 July

Please let Emily know 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.

More Info

Google 'Childcare Choices' for more information on options available to 2, 3 and 4 year olds