



# Spring Newsletter 1

This half term runs from Thursday 4th January to Thursday 8th February



## Welcome Back!

Welcome back after Christmas break. It's been a very cold few weeks here at Playgroup so please make sure you have labelled hats, scarves and gloves for your children as well as plenty of layers!

We have had a lot of inductions this half term as we have LOTS of lovely new starters. We're really pleased to welcome you all to the setting and hope you're having lots of fun so far.



## Here to Talk

If there is anything that you are struggling with, or you just need a friendly face to chat to, please remember we are here for you as well as your children. Just let us know at the gate that you need a chat and we can invite you in to talk. We want to support parents as well as children.

## Dates for your Diary

INSET Day - Friday 9th Feb  
Feb Half Term - 12th to 16th Feb (inclusive)  
Easter Holidays - 29th to 12th April (inclusive)



## Community Café

Thank you all for coming along to Community Café on Saturday.

We've managed to raise an amazing £357 for Playgroup.

It was so lovely to see all of you out supporting us.



## Chinese New Year

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year at Playgroup in a few weeks time.

We'll be tasting foods from China and learning about their traditions.



## 2 Year Funding

Don't forget, the new 2 Year Funding comes into play in April 2024. Applications are open now. If you have any questions, please contact Emily.

The eligibility requirements are the same as the current 30 hour offer for 3 year olds, and Tax Free Childcare.

# Reminders!

## Ad Hoc

We have availability on some sessions for Ad Hoc sessions in the Spring Term. If you would like to book your child in for more sessions outside of their usual schedule, please email Emily at [rotplaygroupadmin@gmail.com](mailto:rotplaygroupadmin@gmail.com).

If you have unused funding hours, we can use these until mid November. If not, the prices are as follows:

- Breakfast Club: 8am - 9am £7.90
- Morning early start 8.30am - 9am £2.95
- Morning: 9am - 12 £17.70
- Lunch Club: 12-1pm £5.90
- Afternoon: 1pm - 4pm £17.70
- After School Club: 4 - 5pm £8.90
- Standard Full day: 9am - 4pm £41.30
- Extended Full day: 8am - 5pm £58.10

## Notice Period

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

**REMINDER**

## 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](mailto:rotpreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com).

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

[rotplaygroupadmin@googlemail.com](mailto:rotplaygroupadmin@googlemail.com)



# Funding FAQs

## Turning 3

All children born between 01/01/2021 and 31/03/2021 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.

## 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.



## 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 1/1/24 and 31/3/24, you must apply this Spring Term by 31/3/24 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.

## More Info

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