



# Spring Newsletter 2

This half term runs from Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March



## Welcome to New Staff

Playgroup is getting more and more popular and, as such, we have now increased our staffing.

A warm welcome to the team to Emily, Colleen, Sarah and Tim!



## Nappies!

If your child is not toilet training yet, please ensure they come to playgroup in NAPPIES and not Pull Ups. We have a very high number of 2 year olds in our setting and nappy changing with pull ups takes considerably longer and is taking staff away from spending time with the children.



## Easter Bonnet Parade

Our Easter Bonnet Parade is back again this year. We will be providing hats for the children to take home and decorate prior to the parade on Thursday 28th March. Families are invited to attend. The parade will take place at 2pm, with prizes for the best decorated bonnets and there will also be an Easter Egg Hunt. A suggested donation of £2 is requested for the hats.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to bring along their favourite book to share with their friends and dress up too.



## Dates for your Diary

Easter Bonnet Parade - 28th March (Bring your decorated bonnets)

World Book Day - 7th March (Dress up and Bring a Book)

Red Nose Day - 15th March - Wear Red!

Mothers Day - 10th March

Easter Holidays - 29th March to 12th April (inclusive)



## 2 Year Funding

Don't forget, the new Working Families 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, particularly for 3 year olds. 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

I will be sending out funding forms this term for funded children from April. Please look out for these and return asap!

## 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.



## 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.

## Funding 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. This also applies for 2 year olds who are eligible for 15 hours.

- 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