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NEWSLETTER

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What are we up to at playgroup?

We like sharing your child's learning and experiences at playgroup with you and we hope that you enjoy receiving these regular updates via *Tapestry*. If you have any questions about using your child's online learning journal on *Tapestry* please speak to your child's keyworker or send us an email.

What about at home?

We love learning about what your children do at home, too. *Tapestry* can also be used for this or, of course, you can always fill in a High 5 slip with your child's achievement or news for them to bring in and share with us!

As you may already be aware, the National Living Wage will be increasing in April. Therefore, in order to best serve our staff and ultimately the children in our care, we will be increasing the hourly fee from £3.00 to £3.50 from September. We, of course, still aim to be financially accessible and competitively priced for childcare in the community. We will still be offering funded places to both 2 and 3/4 year old children as well as the 30 hour extended entitlement for those eligible. If you receive funded hours, or expect to receive funded hours, this will not change in any way. Please look at the tables below to see how this change may affect you (fees from September are in [blue](#)).

CURRENT FEES AND FEES FROM SEPTEMBER 2018

Morning	Lunch	Afternoon
9:00am - 11:30am	11:30 am - 12:30pm	12:30pm—3:00pm
£7.50 -> £8.75	£3.00 -> £3.50	£7.50 -> £8.75
Absent Fee : £4.40	Absent Fee : £1.75	Absent Fee : £4.40
9:00am - 12:30pm		
£10.50 -> £12.25		
Absent Fee : £6.15		
9:00am-3:00pm		
£18.00 -> £21.00		Absent Fee : £10.50

Dates for your diary!
 Casino Night! - 26th May

Term Dates
 Last day: Wednesday 28th March
 Return: Monday 16th April

Great news! Feltwell Playgroup's Bingo was a success and £360 was raised! A big thank you to Leanne for organising the event this year.

Book Week was lots of fun—we would like to say thank you to Mallory for her support and congratulations to Rosie and Isaac on their book voucher wins! It was wonderful to see and share all the stories that children enjoy at home, as well as sharing our favourite stories with the children. Thank you to those parents who also came in to listen to stories with their children—we hope to have more opportunities soon for you to join in with your children again at Playgroup.

Please remember to label your child's items: lunchboxes (on the outside!), clothes, coats, hats, etc. When there are lots of children it's not always easy to know what belongs to whom! Also, please don't forget to pack a spare set of (labelled!) clothes too: tops, bottoms, pants, knickers and socks! Spare shoes are also good to have ready too!

We have a new bear: Buddy! Buddy is popping up in lots of places already—Buddy is on the uniform you can purchase from Tesco (and soon be able to buy from Playgroup) and Buddy may be coming home to you soon, too! Buddy will take turns coming home with children for the week to get to know everyone—keep a look out for Buddy Bear!

Some parents have very kindly donated items to the Playgroup recently—thank you so much. As you know, we try to provide the best environments for the children as we can, but here are some things that would help enhance our existing play areas. If you happen to have, or no longer need, any of these items we would of course be very grateful if you would please consider donating them to Playgroup: pots, pans and utensils for the mud kitchen; a play petrol pump; plant pots; bean bags for outdoors; bandages; new toothbrushes; and, Peppa Pig books. Thanks!

Would you like more sessions for your child at playgroup?

We have some childcare spaces available here at Feltwell Playgroup. If you are interested in more sessions, then please, just ask! We do offer the full 30 hours extended entitlement for those eligible and all 3/4 year olds are entitled to 15 funded hours each week.

Thank you to everyone who pays their fees on time.

Please remember that fees must be paid in advance of sessions attended. Fees must be paid from at least the beginning of the first session your child attends that week. We will be issuing termly invoices to help you see what might need to be paid (both weekly and termly). However if you would like to pay monthly or half-termly or termly instead, then please ask for a total. If your child is absent (half fees are payable in this instance) then any money remaining from what has been paid in advance will be credited to your account. You do have the option to pay directly into the playgroup's bank account (information will be on the invoice).

Did you know that the Playgroup has a new website?

Simply search online for 'Feltwell Playgroup' and it should give you a link! Our website is new, but will hopefully grow with your support and involvement! As well as the website and Facebook relevant information will continue to be sent to you via email. If you have not received anything so far then please make sure we have your correct email address.

