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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 mentioned in the March newsletter we will be increasing the hourly fee from £3.00 to £3.50 from September 2018. We, of course, still aim to be financially accessible and competitively priced for childcare in the community. Our payment system will likely change in September 2018, too, as we are adding more options for you to pay, as well as providing detailed invoices for your information so that we can expect advance payment of fees (e.g. a half-term in advance) - more details on this will be given soon. 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 table below to see how this change may affect you (current fees are in red and fees from September are in blue).

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! - Friday 25th May
 Owl Visit—Monday 25th June
 Photos—Friday 29th June

Term Dates

Bank Holiday (closed): Monday 7th May
 Last day: Friday 25th May
 Return: Monday 4th June

Thank you so much for all your contributions to our recent fundraising efforts—we really appreciate your ongoing support. 😊

As you may know, we have a range of optional uniforms available online from Tesco, but we are now pleased to announce that selected items are now available to purchase from Playgroup. We have also extended the range online, so there is more to choose from—all with our new Buddy bear logo. Once Buddy's uniform is delivered, Buddy will be ready to come home with you! Buddy will take turns coming home with children for the week to get to know everyone.

The weather is starting to warm up (or it was!) and we want all children to be able to safely enjoy their outside play. Therefore, please make sure that your child has a labelled water bottle and sun cream. You will need to sign a slip to give us permission to apply sun cream to your child. Thank you.

Part of our role is to protect children and young people and we take this very seriously. Following some concerns from parents we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of a certain law put in place to protect children: "it is illegal to smoke in a car (or other vehicle) with anyone under 18." This is because "every time a child breathes in second hand smoke they breathe in thousand of chemicals. This puts them at risk of serious [health] conditions ..." Please be aware that both the driver and the smoker could be fined £50. This law applies to every driver in England and Wales and it *still* applies even if the windows or doors of the vehicle are open. Please see GOV.UK for more details. Thanks.

We are very fortunate to be expecting a very special visitor on Monday 25th June between 10am and 11am. All children will have the opportunity to see and interact with an owl as part of our visit from KindHart (kindhart.co.uk). More details soon!

Would you like more sessions for your child at playgroup?

There are limited spaces available now for Summer Term. However, if you are interested in more sessions for September (or beyond!) 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. You should now have been issued a termly invoice to help you see what you might need to pay (both weekly and termly options are listed). 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 is on the invoice).

Did you know that the Playgroup has a website?

Simply search online for 'Feltwell Playgroup' and it should give you a link! Our website is fairly 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, please make sure we have your correct email address.

