











# **NEWSLETTER**

## Spring 2020

## 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!

#### Spare and Labelled Clothes

Please could you ensure that your child wears and has spare clothes that are ok to get dirty from playing each day and that the clothes (along with lunch boxes and any other items your child may bring) are <a href="mailto:labelled">labelled</a> with your child's name (whatever you might have to hand!). If possible, please send spare shoes or slippers (whatever you might have to hand!).

#### Waiting outside in the mornings

Could parents please make sure children keep within the conned area when waiting on the playground in the morning as this will help us set up more activities outside before the children arrive.

#### Local Schools

Please see links to all the local catchment schools:

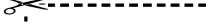
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Mundford: http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/mundford/



Term Dates

Half-Term: 17th—21st February 2020 Easter Holidays: 2nd—17th April 2020



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#### **Solihull Training**







FREE FOR NORFOLK FAMILIES



The Next Solihull Parenting Course starts 4th February from 9:30-11:30am at Downham Market. If you like to speak to one of the King's Lynn and West Norfolk team please call them on 01603 573707 or 01603 573164

Dates and venues for the above interventions will be based on need/demand. If you have venues which the service could use free of charge, please email:

ECFS-professionals@actionforchildren.org.uk

The online code for parents to do the course for free is in the picture on the left.

- '...Many thousands of parents have accessed the Solihull Approach 'Understanding your child' courses, in groups or online. The online 'Understanding your child' is now available...'
- '...Parents access the online courses for parents and downloads at Ourplace (https://inourplace.co.uk/). Our face to face groups for parents (antenatal, postnatal and 6 months to 19 years) are run in many areas. Some are listed at Ourplace. Health visitors, Children's Centres and the local Family Information Service usually know when groups are running...'

#### Parking Outside Playgroup

When dropping off your children in the mornings or collecting them after Playgroup, please be so kind and be aware where you park your car. We would appreciate awareness of people's driveways and dropped kerbs. Thank you for being courteous!! Please also make sure not to park infront of the Playgroup gates blocking them at all times!!

#### **Absent Child**

We will get in touch with you via text message or phone call if your child is absent for two of their consecutive days without having informed us at Playgroup why they are not attending. This to make sure you and your child are ok.

## Standing at the Gate

The children go outside to play most days. They usually get a little run around just before pick up in the afternoon.

Would parents please be so kind and not stand at the gates to communicate with their children as this is quite distracting for all the others.

If you are early to collect your child, please wait by the front door or around the corner—out of sight - for the little ones.

Thank you!



Future Committee Meetings:

Monday, 27th April 2020 from 7pm Monday, 6th July 2020 from 7pm



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## Chocolate, Sweets & Healthy Eating

As we are a Nut-Free setting, please ensure that your children do not have any items in their lunch boxes that contain nuts including any chocolate spread. We encourage healthy eating, So please be thoughtful and keep your child's lunch box healthy, nut free with maybe a small treat!

This web link has lots of great suggestions .... https://www.nhs.uk/change4life

#### Our Staff

Please find below the list of staff from Feltwell Playgroup:

June ~ Manager Carolyn ~ Deputy Manager Debbie ~ Deputy Manager Emily ~ Early Years Practitioner Emma ~ Early Years Practitioner Gemma ~ Early Years Practitioner Merle ~ Administrator Kirsty ~ Cleaner

Sam ~ Chairman Lisa ~ Treasurer Merle ~ Secretary Joe ~ Trustee Matt ~ Trustee

#### Uniforms

MyClothing is the company where uniforms can be purchased or you can buy them directly from Playgroup. Simply go to this website and type in Feltwell Playgroup. You then have lots of different options to choose from <a href="https://www.myclothing.com">www.myclothing.com</a> Please note that uniforms are optional, but very welcome.

#### Drugs & Alcohol

Our policy states that '... If someone arrives to drop off or pick up a child and if staff suspect they have recently been under the influence of drugs or alcohol (i.e. smell heavily of alcohol or cannabis/marijuana/hash etc), the person will be spoken to by the manager and any communication will be logged. This will also be the procedure if staff smell alcohol or drugs on any of the children or their belongings. ...'

...steps will be taken to ensure the child's safety...'

Please read the enclosed leaflet for more information. If you have any questions or would like to speak to anyone, please don't hesitate to let us know. You can speak to any of Playgroup's staff or we can point you in the right direction.

## Paying Fees

Please remember that fees must be paid in advance of sessions attended. As per the policy, fees are now expected to be paid at least a half-term in advance. However, in some circumstances, it can be arranged for fees to be paid weekly. 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.

Our fees from September 2019 are £4 per hour. This means AM and PM session will cost £10, lunch is £4 so £24 for a whole day.



Future Events:

World Book Week: 2nd March to 6th March 2020 Bingo Night: Saturday, 14th March 2020 (Feltwell Social Club)