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NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2023

Local Schools

Please see links to all the local catchment schools:

Feltwell: <https://www.edmunddemoundeford.co.uk/>

Hockwold: <https://iceni-hockwold.attrust.org.uk>

Weeting: <https://www.weeting.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Weeting&pid=6>

Methwold: <https://www.methwold-pri.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Duchy+of+Lancaster&pid=3>

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

If your child is starting school in September this year, please let us know which school they will attend once their placement has been confirmed.

National Offer Day when school decisions are made available is 17 April 2023. Appeals closing date is 12 May 2023 and mini admissions round to consider changes is 20 May 2023.

Nut Free Setting

Please make sure that there is **no** food containing **nuts** in any lunch boxes as we have children at the setting that are allergic. We are a nut free setting at all times. This includes chocolate spreads, peanut butter etc

Names on Lunch Boxes and Water Bottles

Would parents please make sure to clearly put names on their child's lunch box and water bottle as it takes time trying to match water bottles to the correct child during lunch time. We want to avoid children drinking out of someone else's bottle!

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.

Term Dates

Half-Term: 13th - 17th February 2023

Easter Holidays: 3rd - 17th April 2023 (first day back is Tuesday, 18th April)

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Warm, Spare and Labelled Clothes

Please ensure your child is sent in warm clothing and coats once the weather turns cold, as we will be spending much time outside. 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 **labelled** with your child's name (whatever you might have to hand!).

Fees from April 2023

We have reviewed our fees, taking into account the cost of living and the increase in minimum wage from April 2023.

Therefore, from 1st April 2023 our hourly rate will be £5 which means a morning or afternoon session will be £12.50, morning and lunch will be £17.50 and all day charges will be £30.

Early Collection

If needed we can accommodate an earlier collection for your child in the afternoon. We are aware we have some families that need to do the school run in Hockwold. To make this possible we allow the child to be collected from Playgroup at 2:30pm.

Please note the collection time is either 2:30pm or 3pm and nothing in between.

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.

Bag for Each Child

Would you please make sure your child arrives with a bag with a spare set of clothes that are labelled. This will also allow us to have somewhere to put items from home or to be sent home.

New Toys and Equipment

Thank you to all parents who participated in our fundraising events during the autumn term and the parents who kindly donated toys to our Playgroup.

We used the raised money to get a new climbing frame, a wooden tepee, dolls house furniture, dolls and mats. The donations we received included books, a book shelf a tea set and more. Thank you very much for your continuous support.

Sessions from September 2023

As we have children leaving Playgroup in the summer to start primary school, we currently have all sessions available from September 2023. If you would like to up or change your child's sessions from September, please let us know. We advise to do this soon, as enquiries are coming through and spaces are filling up.

Future Committee Meetings

Thursday, 4th May 2023 - 6:30pm via Zoom

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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 **ONE 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

Emily ~ Early Years Practitioner

Emma ~ Early Years Practitioner

Kerry ~ Early Years Practitioner

Kirsty ~ Early Years Practitioner

Rebecca ~ Early Years Practitioner

Merle ~ Administrator

Jon ~ Chairman

Lisa ~ Treasurer

Merle ~ Secretary

Joe ~ Trustee

Uniforms

MyClothing is the company where uniforms can be purchased online. Simply go to this website and type in Feltwell Playgroup. You then have lots of different options to choose from

www.myclothing.com Please note that uniforms are optional, but very welcome.

Photographs & Videos

Please be reminded that it is not allowed to take any photos or videos whilst on Playgroup premises.

What about at home

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.

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!

No Accessories

Please ensure your child does not wear any accessories to Playgroup. This is to avoid choking and breaking of the item.

Thank You!

Thank you to all families that have kindly participated, donated and purchased items during our week of cake sales in October, our week of Christmas photographs in November and our Christmas Raffle in December 2022.

We raised a total of £720. All money raised will go towards the children attending Playgroup of course. We were able to purchase some lovely toys and crafts for the children to play with.

Future Events

Feltwell Playgroup Cake Sale week commencing 27th March 2023