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NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2024

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 16th April 2024. Appeals closing date is 14 May 2024 and mini admissions round to consider changes is 20 May 2024.

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.

Welcome! New Committee Member

We would like to send a warm welcome to our latest committee member, Chris. Chris has been kind enough to join the Feltwell Playgroup Committee and we couldn't be more grateful. Thank you Chris!! We are looking forward to having you with us!

Names on Lunch Boxes & 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!

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>

Future Committee Meetings

Thursday, 25th January 2024 - 6:30pm via Microsoft Teams

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Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to those of you who took part in our recent questionnaire and your overall very positive feedback. We appreciate you have taken your time to share your opinions.

All learning at Playgroup is achieved through play, whether this is phonic sounds, manners, routines, numbers, colours and all the other things that children learn following the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage). This may not take the form of a structured purposeful activity, as it will be achieved through practitioners supporting the children in a fun, relaxed and playful environment.

All children are encouraged and supported with personal hygiene. They are asked to wash their hands at key points throughout the day and also after wiping their noses or if they have been to the bathroom. We have a list of communicable illnesses that we ask parents to adhere to, to try and keep illness levels as low as possible within the setting. However, we are also aware that unfortunately, children have to catch these childhood illnesses in order to build a healthy immune system for the future.

Please remember to check Tapestry for updates on your child's day or feel free to speak to a member of staff at pick up if you have any questions. We are always happy to have a little chat. We would also love to see what your child gets up to outside Playgroup, so please be so kind and upload anything like that to your Tapestry account.

Approaching Staff outside Playgroup

While we understand that some parents are friends with members of staff, we kindly ask you to find out about your child at Playgroup only during staff working hours and only via our phone number, email or Tapestry. Staff is not permitted to discuss any progress or development outside their working hours or on their personal devices.

Our Staff

Please find below the list of staff from Feltwell Playgroup:

June ~ Manager	Jon ~ Chairman
Carolyn ~ Deputy Manager	Lisa ~ Treasurer
Emily ~ Early Years Practitioner	Merle ~ Secretary
Emma ~ Early Years Practitioner	Joe ~ Trustee
Kerry ~ Early Years Practitioner	Anne ~ Trustee
Kirsty ~ Early Years Practitioner	Chris ~ Trustee
Rebecca ~ Early Years Practitioner	
Merle ~ Administrator	

Late Collection Fee

Please note in line with our policies, if you are late picking up your child by more than 5 minutes (therefore after 11:35am, 12:35pm or 3:05pm), we will charge a late fee. Our drop off times are 9am to 9:10am, and 12:30pm to 12:40pm. If you arrive after these times, your child will not be able to attend these sessions.

Term Dates

Half-Term: 19th to 23rd February 2024

Easter Holidays: 28th March to 12th April 2024 (first day back is Monday, 15th April)

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Thanks for your Patience

We would like to thank all families for standing so patiently on the playground in the mornings. Please remember not to allow your children to play on the equipment while you wait and not to cross the barrier.

Medicine & Illness

Children who have been given medicine like Calpol, Ibuprofen, cough medicine etc should not attend Playgroup.

If your child is not well enough to attend without this kind of medication, please do not send them in.

Our complete Illness Table can be found here: <https://www.feltwellplaygroup.com/info>

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 is to make sure you and your child are ok.

No Accessories

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

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!

Mobile Phones on Premises

For safeguarding reasons please DO NOT use your mobile phone whilst on the Playgroup premises, this includes the playground areas, unless you have been given permission by the Manager.

Your co-operation is much appreciated. Whilst we appreciate you sometimes wanting to take pictures of your child/ren, we would request that you take them once you have left the premises so that you don't accidentally photograph another child.

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.

Future Events

Feltwell Playgroup Cake Sale, Raffle and Bonnet competition - week commencing 25th March 2024

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Lending Library

We would like to invite and encourage you all to use our lending library which has returned for the summer term. We have a selection of books and some story bags that you can borrow for a day, a week, a month or as long as you need it! All we ask is that it is eventually returned so someone else can enjoy it. Reading a book with your child is a wonderful way to share a special moment together. Listening to a story, looking at the pictures and asking simple questions will boost your child's understanding and communication skills and start a love of books which will enable them to become life long readers! Please feel free to share pictures of your child enjoying one of the book's via Tapestry, we would love to see them!

Uniforms

At Feltwell Playgroup uniforms are completely optional. If you would like your child to wear uniform though, MyClothing is the company where they 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

Any Questions?

If there are any questions you may have or if there is anything you would like to talk about (child related or not), please know that we are always here for you. You can speak to any member of staff or send an email if you prefer. We will try our best to help and support you in any way. Please be assured that any conversation will be kept confidential.

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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.

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!).

Help at no Cost

We've registered with *easyfundraising* and we need your help at no cost to you at all! *easyfundraising* is a great website where you can help Feltwell Playgroup raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 4,000 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too!

We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/feltwellplaygroup/>