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NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2023

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to those of you who took part in our recent questionnaire. We appreciate you have taken your time to share your opinions. We have looked at the responses and decided on a way forward for points that you have raised.

Opening the gate earlier in the morning: we will open the gate from 8:50am to allow families to safely wait for the door to open. There will be a barrier in place to prevent the children from accessing any equipment and we kindly ask that you keep your child with you at all times until they enter the building.

Information on Tapestry: You should all have received a Tapestry notification from your key person giving you information on how we complete your child's online learning journal. If you have not seen it, please speak to any member of staff or email for a copy of the notification.

Personal Hygiene: during the course of a session, we encourage children to wipe their noses and wash their hands. Staff will also wipe noses when necessary. However, children can be reluctant to have their noses wiped and this is not something we would want to force on them. Sometimes it is simply because they do not wish to have their play interrupted. We will be carrying out an activity on nose wiping/blowing during the next few weeks and hope that this will help the children to learn. If a child is very dirty, we will always try to clean their face using wet wipes. However, if they are unhappy with this, we will not force them.

Behaviour management/Wellbeing: It is our intention to provide an environment that is both stimulating and safe for all our children. All staff strive to ensure the children are safe when they attend Playgroup. Sometimes children can be hurt as a result of other children's behaviour and this is something we closely monitor and try to manage in a way that is meaningful for any children involved. All children develop at different rates and different times, as our Playgroup caters for children aged 2-4. The range of behaviour we see can be quite challenging. We work with families to find solutions and put in place strategies to help manage different children's behaviours. We appreciate that it can be very distressing to know that your child was hurt while at Playgroup. Please come and see us, call, email or use Tapestry if you would like to reach out and talk to someone. We will always listen to your concerns

Future Committee Meetings

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

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School Admissions

For the children leaving us this year to start school in September, we would love to hear from you which school your child will attend.

Feltwell: www.edmunddemoundeford.co.uk; Iceni: <https://iceni-hockwold.attrust.org.uk>;

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

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.

No Accessories

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

Last Day Of Term*

Our last day of term is Thursday, 20th July, unless your child leaves Playgroup to start Primary School. All 'graduates' will be invited to have a graduation day on Friday, 21st July 2022. More details to follow via email.

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.

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.

A Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our cake sale before the Easter Holidays. Whether you provided delicious baked goods or purchased any of them (or both), it really made a difference. We raised a total of £189.50!!

Sessions from September 2023

We currently receive a lot of enquiries and are almost at capacity for any sessions for September 2023. If you would like to change your child's hours or know of anyone who is looking for childcare for the next school year, please make sure to get in touch with us as soon as possible.

Term Dates

Half-Term: 29th May - 2nd June 2023

Summer Holidays: 21st July* - 5th Sep. 2023 (first day back is Wednesday, 6th Sep)

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Welcome to our new Committee Member

We would like to send a warm welcome to our latest committee member, Anne. Anne has been kind enough to join the Feltwell Playgroup Committee and we couldn't be more grateful.

Our setting is committee run and without enough members we would be unable to remain open. If you would like to join our committee as a volunteer as well, please let us know either in person or via email. We really do need you!

Thank you Anne!! We are looking forward to having you with us!

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

Anne ~ Trustee

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!

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.

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 Summer Photo Fundraiser - week commencing 17th June 2023
Feltwell Playgroup Cake Sale - week commencing 8th July 2023

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Once Summer Arrives

Once the weather gets warm, and we hope that will be soon, all children need to bring in sun cream (and fill in a permission to apply form, if consent isn't given already), a water bottle and make sure they are wearing appropriate clothing for the summer i.e. not strappy vest tops as they are a sunburn risk and sturdy shoes which can be removed and put back on again by the child as this will help with going in and out the sand house. If a parent thinks they may have a water bottle here from last year please ask staff to check before buying a new one.

We will let you know once we feel it's time to prepare for warmer temperatures.

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!

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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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!

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 labelled with your child's name. If possible, please send spare shoes or slippers. Whatever you might have to hand is fine.

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>