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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 you will know, after many years of officially chairing the playgroup committee - and unofficially caring for and helping the parents and children who have walked through the door—Claire Scarff has stepped down as chairperson. We are, of course, immensely grateful for all Claire has done, and will continue to do, for the playgroup and it will be a tough job to fill her shoes. That is perhaps why Sam and Claire HP have been elected as co-chairs of the playgroup—one person to fill each of Claire's shoes!

Sam and Claire HP will not be taking the register every morning as Claire so kindly did. They are both parents to children currently attending the playgroup and have additional children to attend to. However, as well as being available at the email address and Facebook page listed above, they will be around at pick ups and drop offs, too!

In addition to the new co-chairs, Merle has been elected as the new secretary to the committee while Melanie will be sure to guide us and help us learn the ropes as she remains the committee's treasurer.

Also joining the committee, as parents, are Wendy and Gemma. It's great to have both new and familiar faces wanting to help the playgroup prosper!

We are all looking forward to helping the playgroup continue to grow and thrive in the community and we welcome any interest in joining the committee—please ask for more information if you are interested.

And finally, we would like to say thank you for your ongoing support of the playgroup—

Thank You!

Dates for your diary!

Monday 4th Dec.—photographer
(3:45pm—5:00pm)

Friday 15th Dec. —Christmas Party

Term Dates

Last day of Playgroup 2017: 15th Dec.

First day of Playgroup 2018: 4th Jan.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

* We endeavour to stay open (even in bad weather), but must ensure the safety of children, parents and staff at all times and therefore we may close in exceptional instances— please check that we have your correct contact details on the form attached to this newsletter.

♥ Unfortunately some children at playgroup have recently suffered from both impetigo and hand, foot and mouth. We wish these children well. If your child becomes ill with impetigo please remember to keep them away from playgroup until at least 48 hours after treatment has begun. Similarly, please do not send your child in to playgroup less than 24 hours after treatment ends for hand, foot and mouth.

• It has been noted that some parents and carers are (understandably) concerned about waiting outside by the road, especially in the morning, before the session begins.

In light of this, starting in January, we are hoping to allow you and your children to wait on the playground from 8:50am.

Please sign and return the note, attached to this newsletter, to confirm that you will remain responsible for your children if you choose to wait in the playground.

♦ This newsletter will also be sent to you via email. Hopefully more things will be available online, too.

Would you like more sessions for your child at playgroup?

We have some childcare spaces available here at Feltwell Playgroup. If you are interested in more sessions, please contact Claire HP for availability. Our playgroup offers 2 year old funded places in some circumstances, 3 and 4 year old funded places and now the full 30 hours extended entitlement. If you, or someone you know, have a child aged between 2 and 5 years old and you're thinking of sending them to our lovely playgroup then please contact us for more information, or fill in a registration form.

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.

However if you would like to pay monthly, half-termly or termly in advance, please ask for a total. 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.

From January 2018 you will have the option to pay directly into the playgroup's bank account. If this would suit you then please ask for details.

Have you filled in the latest claim form for funded sessions?

Please find it attached. If you need any help filling it in, do not hesitate to ask.