

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you all had a great Christmas. We have been hearing lovely stories about Santa bringing lots of presents. If you have any photos that you would like to share with us, please send them via email or WhatsApp.

Last term was very busy. We enjoyed learning new Christmas songs, making decorations, and hearing the Christmas Story. We also made mince pies and gingerbread men. The Fun Filled Friday children went on an exciting trip to Loughborough on the bus. They

enjoyed the soft play at the leisure centre and a lunch at MacDonalds! All the children were all amazing at the Nativity service on Christmas Eve. We had a lovely baby Jesus, who slept through the whole thing!

This term, we have started off with Healthy Eating as a theme. Please take a look at our Healthy Eating policy on the website (<u>www.beltonplaygroup.co.uk</u>) to refresh your memories and look out for copies of the Healthy Lunchbox and a leaflet about healthy food swaps from the NHS in your child's bags. Next week we will be revisiting The Tiger Who Came to Tea as the children have been playing making tea and cakes. It is also Chinese New Year in January, so we will be trying some healthy Chinese food!

This year, funding finishes on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July which is a week before the Leicestershire schools break up. We will be open until Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July but unless you have banked FEEE funding you will need to pay for your child's place. Please let us know by the end of January if you will need your child's place for those 4 days.

We will be running an Easter Holiday Club from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of April and 4 weeks in the summer to be confirmed by the end of January.

2023 will also see us celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> year! We have several events planned throughout the year, so if you, or any family members have any photos or memories from the Playgroup over the years, we would love to borrow them for our display.

Sam, Becky, Vanessa, Kelly, Jo, Amanda, Megan & Leah

## Dates for your Diary:

Break up for Half Term Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Back to playgroup Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February Break up for Easter Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Back to playgroup Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holiday Club Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April

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