



NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to playgroup, we hope you all have a lovely Easter. The children have all been telling us about visits from the Easter Bunny! We have an action-packed few weeks coming up. **Please don't forget that we are closed for the Bank Holidays on 1st and 8th May, and that we are closed on 4th May for the local elections.**

Last half term was busy, as usual. We have really celebrated Spring. We have learnt all about what happens in Springtime. The children have planted, learnt about the life cycles of frogs and made lots of lovely crafts. We've celebrated Mother's Day and made lovely gifts. We've also had a lovely church service to celebrate Palm Sunday. We have been visiting the library lorry that comes every other Thursday. It's a great opportunity for the children to see and choose books.

Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the Spring Craft Morning. The children were able to make different crafts and have a lovely lunch, whilst the adults could take part in the raffle, tombola and enjoy tea and cake. It was a lovely community event that raised £232 that we will put towards updating our outside area - all ready for the warmer weather!

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We are really excited for our Coronation Party on **Friday, 5th May**. Most of you have said that you will be bringing your children. The Fun Filled Friday children will be helping to get the party ready in the morning. Please arrive at 12.30pm, it will finish at 3pm. We will have a party lunch (provided) and then play some party games and sing songs. Children (and adults) are welcome to wear their best party clothes!

Parents Play Meeting, 16th May at 7.30pm - this is a fantastic opportunity to come to playgroup and play - without your children! It will be a fun evening where we will learn why play is important, and how play helps to make children see sense of the world. Please let us know if you are able to attend by emailing or WhatsApping us asap.

The photographer will be here on **Wednesday 17th May**. Not only will he take individual photo's, he will also be taking a group photo of the Pre-School children. If your child doesn't attend on a Wednesday, you are more than welcome to come around 9am to have their photo taken. Siblings are also welcome.

On Monday 12th June, Bags to School will be collecting our unwanted items again, so it's time to start having a sort out. Please drop off the day before or by 9am on the 12th. They collect good quality:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags, hats and bags
- Scarves, ties and jewellery
- Lingerie, socks, belts

- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains & towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets, blankets, pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo, corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please look out for an email with a questionnaire about having a summer trip. We are keen to have one but are aware of parents needing to take a day off of work.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Amanda on 10th May, she has been with us for a very long time, as before being a teacher with us, she was the chairperson of the playgroup. Amanda has worked really hard to make the playgroup what it is today. I'm sure, like us, you will wish her well for the future. Thank you for your commitment, hard work and fun sense of humour!

Sam, Becky, Jo, Vanessa, Kelly, Amanda, Megan and Leah.

Dates for your Diary:

- Monday 1st May - closed
- Thursday 4th May - closed
- Friday 5th May - Coronation Party 12.30-3pm
- Monday 8th May - closed
- Parents Play Meeting - Tuesday 16th May
- Wednesday 17th May - Photographer
- Monday 12th June - Bags to School
- Saturday 17th June - Birthday Coffee Morning - details to follow soon
- Friday 7th July - Preschool Sports Day and Presentation - details to follow soon
- Thursday 13th July - break up for summer

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