



CSG Playgroup Newsletter

13th September



This week at playgroup

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a wonderful week at playgroup, with all of our new children settling in very well. We are helping children settle back into our daily routine and we are enjoying exploring and learning through play. The first few weeks involve getting to know the children and finding out what they all like and dislike. We will update you with themes, topics and focus areas in the next couple of weeks.



STAY AND PLAY

We would like to invite parents/carers to playgroup on **TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 9:30-11:00 and also 1pm-2:30.**

Stay
& play!

This is an opportunity for you to find out what your child gets up to whilst they are at playgroup and to meet and chat to the staff. If your child does not attend on a Tuesday you are welcome to come up with them and have a play and a chat too. Likewise, if you know anyone who is thinking of joining playgroup they are also welcome to come along and see how wonderful our playgroup is!



FUNDRAISING

As a charity we heavily rely on fundraising to keep playgroup open for the children of the village and surrounding areas. In order to organise fundraising events and source funding opportunities **we need a TEAM of volunteers.**

Over the past 3 years I have taken on the role as fundraising co-ordinator and with other commitments I now need to take a big step back, so we need someone new to take on this role with a new team (I am sure some of the oldies will help too!) I have a massive folder of info for you too – so you aren't starting from scratch!

The main aim of the fundraising team is to raise funds for the playgroup. The money is partly used to support the playgroup in funding everyday items such as toys and educational materials. Additionally larger projects are funded such as trips and larger projects such as new fencing. Our main way of raising money is through a series of social events for adults and children which include the Easter Egg hunt and family fun day.

Everybody is welcome to attend the fundraising meetings

We also send out "We need your help" letters. These detail all the activities which will be taking place, what is involved and what help will be needed.

We need a small group of parents/grandparents/member of the community. Our aim is to provide playgroup with the extras that fees and county doesn't provide. We would love you to join us, either at our termly meetings or to be part of a team who are putting together an event – any contribution is really appreciated.

If events aren't your thing, there are other ways in which you can help. You can participate by Affiliate Marketing (ie shop

online and we get a donation from the company) and donating treats/buying raffle tickets.

Funding all our projects wouldn't be possible without your support and also the support of our generous sponsors and advertisers.

JOIN US

It is that time of year when we need to look for a new volunteers! So do you fancy getting involved in your child's playgroup, helping to organise events to raise funds for the playgroup and projects. If so then we would love to hear from you.

We would need to know by the end of this half term (October) so you are ready to hit the ground running. Come on why not try something new and work with lots of other Mum's & Dad's to better our playgroup!

To find out more about any of these roles, please contact

Sarah Eldridge csg_playgroup@btinternet.com

We are looking for people to...

Take the lead on at least one event

Contact local businesses to ask for sponsorship

Apply for grants from local and national schemes where appropriate to boost funding.

PLAYGROUP IN THE WOODS

We hope to go to the woods on **Monday** weather permitting – Marie will send out more details via Whats App and Facebook. If you are not on the Whats app group please let us know and you can be added. This group is for staff to send out important reminders, messages. If you wish to contact playgroup then please call or message **07960278409**

Email contact csg_playgroup@btinternet.com

Website <https://csgplaygroup.co.uk/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/csgplaygroup/>

WOODLAND WARRIORS



At Forest school on a Thursday afternoon (1pm-3pm) with Forest Tribe Friends, we aim to develop confidence, critical thinking, an appreciation of the environment, flora and fauna, physical development... and we mainly have lots of fun!! We try and help the community, we recently helped sow wild flowers around the dell.

Some of our favourite activities also include -hammock balancing, shelter building, using tools, fire lighting, cooking on the fire, treasure hunting, cloud watching, mud kitchen....

As spaces are limited for Woodland Warriors now the weather is warming up and we have made the decision to only allow half termly bookings rather than ad-hoc spaces on the day. **If you would like your child to attend Woodland Warriors after half term please email csg_playgroup@btinternet.com and we will send out your invoice and make sure your child has a place.**

We still have spaces for Forest School EVERY THURSDAY 1-3 from September. £17 and £8.50 if you wish to use your funded hours.



Facebook Page

Just a reminder that we are using our facebook page more than ever now so please ensure you are following it. It is helping us advertise our wonderful Preschool and we also put up some updates and reminders of events. Please find us on facebook and 'LIKE' our page. We would also love to have more reviews from our parents, so grab a coffee and please write a quick review.

Please comment, like Facebook pages posts, this boosts the posts and helps advertise playgroup.
<https://www.facebook.com/csgplaygroup/>

1. Please Don't forget to bring a bag with a full change of clothes, (including underwear, socks etc) suncream and hat, waterproof jacket, a beaker/ bottle etc, **all labelled**.
2. For the ones in Nappies, please remember to bring a pack of nappies and wipes at the start of the term.
3. We will also be selling the new uniform, please ask a member of staff if you wish to try on or purchase some.
£7 t-shirt
£12 sweat-shirt.
4. Please sign your child in and out everyday.
5. Look out on the register table for our "donation hat". Just pick a card from the hat, and bring us the item written on it ;)

We appreciate your constant support, please do not hesitate to approach any staff if you have any suggestions for improvement to our setting.

LITTLE CRICKETS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

From September Little Crickets Toddler group will be **CLOSED** until further notice. Due to costs it is no longer financially viable. We would love for the group to continue if you are interested in being a toddler group volunteer then please email csg_playgroup@btinternet.com



You will also find information on the Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/LittleCricketsToddlerGroup/>

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

We have lots of dates coming up and it won't be long before the Christmas fun begins 😊

AGM Thursday 10th Oct look out for an email

Playgroup Photos Tuesday 22nd October ALL children welcome.

Stay and Play – Tuesday 24th September (see note above)

Sponsored Conker Walk – date TBC