

This week at playgroup

Dear Parents and Carers

We had a busy week at playgroup this week, enjoying lots of time outdoors in the sunshine. The children did lots of lovely paintings using a variety of tools, they looked at colours and shapes and we even managed a trip down to the woods. We have another busy week planned for the children.



Stay
& play!



OUR WEEK

You will have noticed our new daily routine board. This is an opportunity for both parents and children to see what happens during the day. We are also having a letter, shape and colour of the week and this is incorporated into our day and during circle time.

The letter of the week is Bb

The shape of the week is a square

The colour of the week is blue

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US FOR 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.**

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.** **Unfortunately so far we have had 1 mum volunteer her time and a big thanks to her but we need MORE.**

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.

A reminder to please contact playgroup using the following number only **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/>



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**.

For the ones in Nappies, please remember to bring a pack of nappies and wipes at the start of the term.

The colds are in full force which means so are the snotty noses so please can we kindly ask for donations of tissues and wipes.

UNIFORM

Uniform is not compulsory however, many like to wear it and we have a brand new range with embroidered logos so they don't wash off!

£7 t-shirt
£12 sweat-shirt.

This uniform is great for stopping the mess get on your child's own clothes and it is also a great way to prepare them for wearing uniform at school.

Please ask a member of staff if you wish to try some on or purchase some.

STAFFING AND RECRUITMENT

We are sad to announce that Becky will be leaving playgroup at Christmas to take on a new exciting adventure and as a result of this we are looking for a new book keeper. I (Sarah) will continue to be an admin assistant and Becky and myself will ensure there is a smooth handover.

You may have seen on our Facebook page we are looking for a book keeper https://www.facebook.com/pg/csgplaygroup/jobs/?ref=page_internal if you are interested in this role please email csg_playgroup@btinternet.com for more details and an application form.

We are pleased to announce that Siobhan will be taking on the role as manager after Marie leaves us. Siobhan has been a great addition to the team and she has already started a handover process with Marie. Siobhan has lots of exciting ideas to ensure playgroup continues to grow with a fantastic team!

We are also interviewing a level 3 candidate this week so we will keep you posted.

COVER STAFF

We are looking to build up a bank of cover staff. If you have a childcare qualification and are interested in ad-hoc/sick cover/holiday cover work then please email csg_playgroup@btinternet.com

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)

Conker Walk – week commencing 16th October

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