



CSG Playgroup Newsletter

27th September



This week at playgroup

Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks to the parents who attended Stay and Play it was a shame about the weather but well done for those of you who braved the rain! We will be holding another Stay and Play in the new year we hope lots more of you can join us.

A big thank you also to those parents who helped cover this week, we appreciate your help and support.

Notice for nursery children parents

When packing the bag for your children please can you be mindful that the child has to carry 1 item, however the remaining items are carried by our staff. It appears that we are becoming over loaded with belongings and staff are resembling camels!



You are welcome to drop stuff off at playgroup for your children, many parents have done this in the past. This way we only have to collect book bags.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS ORDER

Your children will be doing some artwork over the next couple of weeks; they are making a Christmas picture and an abstract piece. We are offering you the opportunity to have these made into Christmas cards and various other gift items. All of which are great for Christmas gifts. You are able to view your child's work before ordering if you wish please just ask.

If you wish to make an order please complete the order form below and put in an envelope with the correct money or enclose a cheque payable to **Chalfont St Giles Pre School Playgroup** and return to Lisa by **Monday 21st October**.

If you wish to pay via bank transfer please reference child's name and Xmas. Please send in the order form stating payment made via BACS.

Please pay direct to Barclays Account 70638455 Sort code: 20-02-06



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 Cc

The shape of the week is a heart

The colour of the week is green

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.

STAFFING AND RECRUITMENT

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.

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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