



# CSG Playgroup Newsletter

## 18<sup>th</sup> November



### This week at playgroup

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly thank you to those parents who attended the AGM on Thursday, as mentioned previously this is a requirement as a charity and without we cannot continue. Natalie our chair is stepping down as her business grows, so we are in need of a chair of trustees ASAP if you require more information then please get in touch. The chair of trustees does not need to be a parent, it can be anyone who is committed to working together with the other trustees and staff to ensure playgroup goes from strength to strength.

We would also like to say thank you to everyone who has donated as part of our donation board.

#### GOOD NEWS FROM CO-OP

We are delighted to announce that playgroup has received £5903.51 from the community scheme and this is a big thank you to everyone who shops in co-op and chose us as their charity. This will enable us to make more improvements to playgroup and our forest school resources. We are hoping to work with the cricket club and get a new fence for the playground area and possibly some kind of canopy/awning to protect the children from all weathers.

Co-op will be presenting the cheque to playgroup at CSP Co-op on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (THIS SATURDAY)**. It would be lovely to have lots of you there, and if children would come in uniform it is great PR for playgroup! It will be a lovely celebration with the other charities too and a chance to hold a BIG cheque!

#### FEEDBACK

Many thanks to those parents who have given us feedback on the planning and activities which are now taking place at playgroup. We welcome feedback as this helps us to develop and improve as a setting. We would also appreciate reviews on Facebook as these are a great way of potential parents getting information. I am also writing testimonials for the website, so if you would kindly write one for us and send it to [csg\\_playgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:csg_playgroup@btinternet.com).

#### PLAYGROUP IN THE WOODS



All children who attend Playgroup have the opportunity to attend regular sessions in the woods, we alternate each week to go on a different morning. The children arrive dressed appropriately for the weather, there is a head count and then they are free to go across the field to our first meeting point on route to the woods, at our first meeting point

Sammy Squirrel goes over the 3 rules of Woodland Warriors

1. No pick – no picking any plants, leaves off trees, children can collect resources off the floor.
2. No lick – there is access to hand washing, so children aren't allowed to put their hands or fingers in their mouths
3. STOP – stopping immediately if they are told

Our second meeting place is at the entrance to woods, here the children are reminded about the boundary and our stop signs indicating how far the children can go. As a group we then make our way to base camp.

Base camp is where the children gather at the start and the end of the sessions. Base camp is also where the children will enjoy a healthy snack. Sessions are child initiated we supply resources like bug kits, paint brushes and buckets, tree and plant identification cards and den making equipment.

**Please dress your child appropriately for the weather and please remember to bring a change of footwear for when we return at the wellies get very muddy.**

A reminder to please contact playgroup using the following number only **07960278409**

**Email contact** [csg\\_playgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:csg_playgroup@btinternet.com)

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

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

**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**

## Important Dates and Upcoming Events

Xmas Show – 18<sup>th</sup> December – look out for an email

End of Term – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December