



# CSG Playgroup Newsletter

## 4<sup>th</sup> November



### This week at playgroup

Dear Parents and Carers

#### WELCOME BACK

We hope you all had a lovely half term and enjoyed the Halloween and Bonfire festivities! This is of course a very busy term for playgroup preparing for CHRISTMAS! We will start practising the Christmas songs very soon, so please encourage your children to sing at home too!

We are starting the week with lots of bonfire activities, including building rockets with junk, making firework sensory bottles and dancing like a fire work. (You will find the planning sheet for this week attached to the email and online.) This is an opportunity for you to see what the children are doing and to talk to your child about their day.

We follow the EYFS framework at playgroup and this useful document may help you to understand what to expect from your child at different ages. Every child is different but if you have any concerns then please speak to your child's key worker.

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/media/10991/what-to-expect-when.pdf>

#### KEYWORKERS

We use the key person approach to help your children feel individual, cherished and cared for while they are away from home. This approach means that there is one named member of staff to act as the main point of contact for you and your child.

- Helping your child settle in when he/she first arrives at our setting.
- Making sure that any questions you have are answered.
- Helping your child with their personal care, for instance changing nappies, going to the toilet, washing hands.
- Observing your child's play and providing suitable resources and activities.
- Keeping up-to-date records about your child's learning and sharing these with you.
- Encouraging your child to develop independent skills, such as putting on their own shoes/coat.
- Letting you know what your child has enjoyed doing each day!

#### Staffing Update

You will notice a new member of staff this week, Tracey Keane has joined the team as a level 3 Early Years Practitioner. Tracey has come from Chenies School and I am sure you will make her feel very welcome.

Unfortunately, due to other commitments outside of playgroup Siobhan decided over half term not to take on the role as manager so we are still looking to recruit a manager for playgroup, however in the mean time I will be taking on the role (Sarah Eldridge). I am full qualified as I hold qualified teacher status and I am working together with Bucks County Council to ensure that playgroup continues to thrive and the children are happy and getting ready for school. If you have any questions then please email me [csg\\_playgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:csg_playgroup@btinternet.com)

I am very much looking forward to the next 7 weeks and working with all of the team more closely in terms of the setting and development of every child. Playgroup is a fantastic place to be a part of and I am sure you will see lots of exciting things happening over the next 7 weeks.

For day to day enquiries like absence then please continue to call the playgroup phone and Lisa as deputy manager will be at playgroup all day everyday.

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

AGM –Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Sponsored Slide – date TBC

Xmas Show – 18<sup>th</sup> December

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