



CSG Playgroup Newsletter

16th December



This week at playgroup

Dear Parents and Carers

We come to the end of another busy half term at playgroup. 2019 has flown by with a few bumps in the road, but all of the team and trustees are very excited about 2020 and welcoming Tania to the team. Tania will be visiting playgroup on Tuesday morning, so please make her feel welcome.

Sadly, this is the week we say goodbye to Becky. As many of you know Becky joined playgroup as a mum to Mia and soon became involved as the chair of trustees, since then she has worked tirelessly for playgroup as a volunteer and in the last 18 months as admin manager. Becky does ALOT of work behind the scenes to keep playgroup running and I am certainly going to miss her lots. We wish her every success with Lulu and Moon and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work and commitment to playgroup.

We would also like to thank all of our parents for your continued support, as a charity we rely heavily on donations of resources and money at our fundraisers, and many of you regularly contribute.

I would also personally like to thank you for your kind messages on Thursday when we had to close. As I mentioned this was a very difficult decision and we tried all avenues to arrange cover. I am sure you are aware that finding staff in the childcare industry is somewhat tricky and unfortunately, on this occasion we were unable to find suitable staff. Those children who had to "miss" playgroup will have credit on their invoice next term unless they have rescheduled days to make up the lost time.

This week is another very busy with lots of Christmas activities and our final prep for the Christmas show. We do hope to see lots of you on Wednesday morning; it is always a lovely event. (full details below)

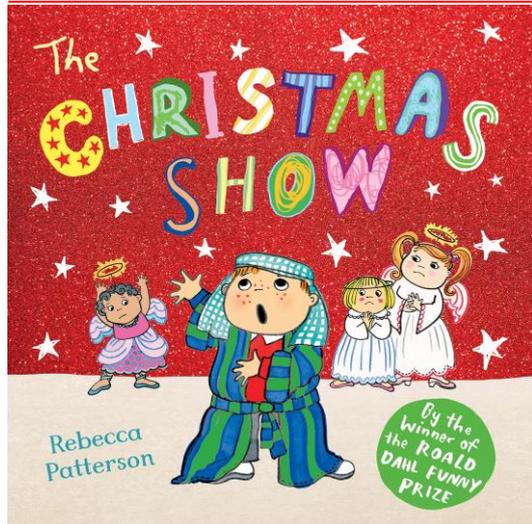
We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new children in January, as well as beginning to get ready for the May fun day. Look out for more details in the new year. If you have any other fundraising events then please do get in touch, we are always keen to hear your ideas.

Thanks to your donations via the Co-op you will see this week that we have a new modern Easel for the outdoor area and we are also updating our mark making area – with storage which is accessible to the children.



We would like to wish all of our families a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a healthy and happy New Year!

REMINDER CHRISTMAS "SHOW" WEDNESDAY



The "show" will take place at **9:30am** at Playgroup on **WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER**. There is limited space at playgroup so we request that only 2 people attend per family. If your child **DOESN'T** normally attend on a Wednesday then please bring them along at 9:15am (this excludes nursery children).

The children will perform a short "show" and then there will be a raffle and refreshments to raise money for playgroup.

We are looking for donations for the raffle – chocolates, booze, vouchers for businesses. Please give donations to a member of the team. Raffle tickets will be available on the day £1 a ticket or £5 a strip.

We are also asking for cakes/biscuits to be sold on the day, so if you are keen baker then please let us know.

After the show you are welcome to stay and enjoy some Christmas activities with your children including biscuit decorating and crafts. Christmas stay and play will take place until 11am.



As a charity we rely on donations and we do not like to ask for money continually, instead we ask for items which you may have at home or can pick up whilst doing your weekly shop.

We are looking for the following

- Pencils, pens, crayons, chalk
- Christmas items – tinsel, decorations, white sheets (to use as snow)
- Empty toilet rolls – the children are making crackers this week!

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**

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 – 18th December

End of Term – Thursday 19th December

Back to playgroup Monday 6th January 2020