



CSG Playgroup Newsletter

2nd December



This week at playgroup

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have all had a lovely weekend, I am sure lots of you were busy putting up decorations and getting ready for Christmas. We are starting our Christmas activities this week with lots of snow and ice activities. The children are busy preparing for the show at playgroup, please encourage them to practise/share the songs with you at home!

REMINDER

Please could we ask all parents to wrap a box for the children to use on the day. Please bring this in ASAP so the children can begin practising, shaking their presents.

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 look forward to seeing lots of you there!

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.



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

- Fancy dress
- Utensils – kitchenware
- Pencils, pens, crayons
- Christmas items – tinsel, decorations, white sheets (to use as snow)
- Large cardboard boxes

Staffing Update

We are fully staffed from January and we are excited about 2020.

Tania – Playgroup manager

Lisa – Playgroup deputy manager

Tracey – Level 3 Practitioner (SENCO)

Siobhan – Level 2 Practitioner

Sarah Bell – Playgroup assistant (level 2 training)

Jane - Playgroup assistant (level 2 training)

Hayley – Admin Manager

Sarah – Admin Manager (until end of Jan)

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