



# CSG Playgroup Newsletter

## 27th January



### This week at playgroup

#### **BABYSDAYS**

<https://csgplaygroup.mybabysdays.com/eyfs/user/home>

We hope you have all had a good weekend. As you will see from Babysdays your children have been busy, as have the staff. We are now utilising Babysdays much more, you should see staff observations of your child, as well as the daily note and photos. If you are having trouble with Babysdays or you have forgotten usernames or password then please email us and we can reset this all for you.

Please also take a look at the user guide: [file:///C:/Users/Comet/Documents/Downloads/Baby\\_Days\\_Parents\\_Guide.pdf](file:///C:/Users/Comet/Documents/Downloads/Baby_Days_Parents_Guide.pdf)

New parents will have been sent a questionnaire via Babysdays as well, as policies, permissions and contracts to sign. Please sign these ASAP.

We will be checking that all parents have signed permissions, policies, contracts and accident forms over the next couple of weeks, so please log in and check, otherwise you may find your self on "the list".

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to parents for supporting our new routine and bringing your children onto the carpet for registration. The children have responded really well to this change in routine and we have received positive feedback from parents. We are preparing your children for school, so the routine and structure are very important.

Many thanks to those parents who attended our first coffee morning of 2020. Lindsay the new chairperson will be sending out details of future coffee mornings and evenings out. These are a great chance to meet mums and also have your say about playgroup and fundraising.

#### **FUNDRAISING – OUR NEXT EVENT – EASTER EGG HUNT**

**WHEN: GOOD FRIDAY**

**TIMING: 11:30-1:30**

#### **WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE THE DAY? WHAT HELP DO WE NEED?**

- We are hoping that Colman and Co will once again sponsor us. We will then need the names of 10 families who are able to have a board advertising the event outside their house. Please let me know if you would like to help.
- Maps are sold at playgroup (5 sent home to each family) **£4 in advance or £5 on the day.**
- Maps are also sold at junior and infant school. **Do we have anyone who can help with this?**
- Raffle tickets are sent home to be sold.
- Raffle Prize donations will be needed. **We would like to create an Easter hamper with chocolate eggs, wine, a cuddly toy etc. Please let me know if you are able to donate and hand in all donations to playgroup.**
- We offer refreshments during the event. We usually have hot cross buns, tea/coffee. **If you have any contacts or are able to donate then please let us know.**



- We need a new banner (generic so we can use it every year) this is displayed in the village before the event. – **Does anyone have a contact?**
- **We need someone to dress up as the Easter Bunny – we will supply the costume!**
- If you can help in anyway or have any other ideas for the event then please speak to Tania or email us [csg\\_playgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:csg_playgroup@btinternet.com)  
You can also text Sarah 07891455871

## **REMINDERS**

**Welly Boots** – please refrain from sending your child to playgroup in wellies, it makes physical activity very difficult for them. You are welcome to send in boots in case it rains or we go for a muddy walk.

We are also going to be more spontaneous with our trips to the woods/walks so please make sure children are dressed for the weather and/or have extra clothes and wellies in their bags.

## **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**

### Free early education and childcare

In England some 2 year olds and all 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for 15 hours free early education and childcare. In addition some 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for up to an additional 15 hours. This is for 38 weeks a year but may be stretched to enable you to claim less hours over more weeks.

The date in which your child can start claiming 15 hours of free childcare depends on when their birthday is:

<b>Child's Birthday</b>	<b>When you can start claiming</b>
1 January to 31 March	Summer Term (from 1 April)
1 April to 31 August	Autumn Term (From 1 September)
1 September	Spring Term (From 1 January )

Funded places are available through a range of providers including Childminders, Pre-schools, Day Nurseries, Maintained Nurseries and Schools with nursery classes or earlier years provision who are approved by Buckinghamshire County Council to deliver funded places.

[Find more information about participating providers in your area.](#)

What is 2 year old funding?

Based on a range of criteria the funding gives your child up to 15 hours a week of learning opportunities in a play based, safe and nurturing environment. This gives your child the chance to mix with other children and perhaps try out activities which may not be possible at home. It also gives you, the parent, 15 hours a weeks to study, return to or look for work.

[Find more information about 2 year old funding](#)

[Check your eligibility](#)

What is 3 and 4 year old funding?

### Universal 3 and 4 year old funding

Every child that is 3 or 4 years old is automatically entitled to 15 hours of free childcare the term after their 3rd birthday. As for 2 year old funding, this can only be accessed at approved childcare providers.

### Extended 3 and 4 year old funding

The additional 15 hours funding is also known as the '30 hours free childcare'. This is an extension of the 3 and 4 year old funding, but unlike the universal entitlement you must match the eligibility criteria. If you are found to be eligible you will be given a validity code to enable to claim up to an additional 15 hours from a Buckinghamshire County Council approved provider.

[Check if you are eligible for the additional 15 hours funding at 3 and 4 years old.](#)

## Important Dates and Upcoming Events

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 9:30-10:30 coffee morning with Tania(see details above)

Good Friday – Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – End of half term.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school