



CSG Playgroup Newsletter

7th January



This week at playgroup

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a fantastic break and enjoyed the festivities. We are very excited about 2020 and lots of exciting things happening at playgroup. As we welcome lots of new starters I wanted to remind all parents of the staff and their roles at playgroup as well as our committee.

Your Pre-School Staff:

Tania Constable – Pre School Manager
Lisamarie Saunders – Deputy Pre School Manager
Tracey Keane – Level 3 Early Years Practitioner SENDCO (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator)
Siobhan Maher – Level 3 Early Years Practitioner
Jane Robertson – Early Years Practitioner (working towards Level 2)
Sarah Bell - Early Years Practitioner (working towards Level 2)
Sarah Eldridge – Admin Manager
Hayley Southgate – Admin Manager

Your Pre-School Committee

Natalie Zealey (Grayson's mummy) – Chair
Sally McLaren (Maggie and Sam's mummy) – secretary
Tony Lord (Jack's grandad) - treasurer
Emma Alsop – trustee
Lucy Webster (Arlo's mummy) – trustee

Extra Sessions

Sessions are filling up with some sessions nearly at full capacity. We try where possible for extra sessions to be granted but please try and give as much notice as possible. Now is the time to add extra sessions if you are thinking about it as next term we expect to be full. Please inform Sarah or Hayley via email and we can fill out the relevant paperwork for you to be invoiced.

Weather and appropriate clothing

This is a little reminder that we encourage children to go out in all weathers so please make sure that your children are dressed appropriate for all weathers. Welly boots, coats and any waterproof trousers/suits are ideal for all types of play outside. Spare clothes in your children's bags would be greatly appreciated, just in case they become wet/dirty from having too much fun outside! Please remember to label all clothes and especially wellies!

Lunch boxes

We love to see all the yummy and healthy lunches that your children bring into preschool! Can we just remind you not to give your children any form of nuts in their lunches e.g. no peanut butter in sandwiches or cereal bars with nuts etc – Remember Nutella contains nuts so please avoid it.

[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:

Child's Birthday	When you can start claiming
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.](#)



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
- Nappies
- Wipes
- Tissues
- Child appropriate magazines

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

Back to playgroup Monday 6th January 2020