



CSG Playgroup Newsletter

16th March



This week at playgroup

Dear Parents

Please see below our most recent message regarding Covid-19. I will write again with any updates as soon as I have any in regard the operation of the preschool and the details of the events which maybe need to be rearranged when we have a better idea about future guidance.

RE: COVID 19 – 13/03/2020

Following the latest Government advice, we will be remaining open until further notice. However, the following new procedures will now be in place with immediate effect:

- Please do not send your child/children into Pre-school if they have a temperature of 37.8 or above. Children that develop a temperature during their session will need to be collected immediately. Children should remain at home for 7 days.
- Please do not send your child/children into Pre-school if they have a persistent cough or develop a new cough. Children should remain at home for 7 days.

I appreciate that these new measures may cause some inconvenience to parents, but during these uncertain times we have to follow government advice, safeguard children and staff and do everything we can to contain this disease.

Thank you and best wishes

Tania and the team

Keeping Active

Please see an extract from an article regarding children and active playing. It may be useful in coming weeks.

<https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2020/0314/1123222-children-active-playing-social-distance-coronavirus-lockdown/>

We each need to identify ways to get the physical activity built into our day now, with the added constraint of maintaining social distancing. What this means is that we do the activity with our children and we don't send them outside to be active on their own (unless in a back garden of course)

Some ideas on how we might go about this include:

- Go to the local park, or any open green area. Go for a walk together, a cycle, a scoot.
- Walk a block or two of the local neighbourhood.
- Bring some chalk outside and draw hopscotch markings, have a game.
- Teach your child to skip, or have a skipping competition.
- Challenge your child to teach you a new skill or activity that they learned in PE class at school.
- Grab a football, basketball, or even a tennis ball. Be creative with the amount of different ways you can play with this. Throw it, bounce it, kick it: your child will come up with lots of ideas if you ask them.

· Be active in the house too. There are lots of things you can do, from active video gaming to games like Twister or yoga.

Do remember to keep building in activity that really involves you and your child moving your whole body as this will give you heart health benefits as well as skill development benefits. Again, you can do this outside your front door, in the back garden or even better, in a large open green area such as a park or big field if you are lucky enough to be able to access one.

A silver lining

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As parents, we need to keep ourselves and our children sane over the coming weeks and it won't be easy. I can promise you that building physical activity in a systematic way will have huge benefits for you psychologically in terms of how you all feel day to day in the short term.

In the context of the current crisis, the huge benefits to you and your child's physical health may almost be considered secondary. Rather than seeing this as a chore, let's see it as an amazing opportunity to develop a positive physical activity relationship with our child, something that may well live and flourish long past the current crises.



Our next COFFEE MORNING will take place Wednesday 22nd April.

Time: After Drop off

Venue TBC

We hope to see lots of you there. This is an opportunity to meet other mums, offer ideas and suggestions for future events and give your opinion about CSG Playgroup.

Tapestry

We hope you are all enjoying exploring the new APP. The staff are uploading lots of photos, videos and observations in line with the EYFS onto Tapestry. As parents you can also upload photos and comments which staff can then link to their observations and progress tracker. So we urge you to upload photos over the coming months so that together we can see what your child is achieving and how they are developing at both playgroup and at home. If you need any help with this please speak to a member of the team at playgroup.





Another date for the diary – our annual fun day will take place on **Sunday 31st May.**

SPONSORSHIP

We need sponsorship for our fun day; this enables us to have the bouncy castle, BBQ and other big attractions. Below is a copy of our letter, if you know anyone who might be able to help us please forward them this note or email me csg_playgroup@btinternet.com

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of Chalfont St Giles Pre School Playgroup to ask if you might consider sponsoring our Family Fun Day to be held at the cricket club on Sunday 31st May 2020. We are planning a fun family event raise funds for the school to purchase much-needed new equipment. The sponsorship package entails your business being promoted/tagged on the playgroup Facebook page which is then also promoted widely in local community groups, usually reaching in excess of 10K people in the local area. In addition, we have the option of headline sponsorship which would include your business being promoted on the event poster which is circulated widely in the community and on social media.

The sponsorship options can be quite varied. For example, in the past, we've received sponsorship amounts ranging from £50 - £250 and we usually allocate this to a specific area of the fun day e.g. the refreshments/food/bar, or to cover the cost of particular attractions. We also like to display a sign next to stalls/attractions that have been sponsored so that visitors to the fete can see which businesses have been kind enough to provide sponsorship.

Many thanks in advance and I look forward to hearing from you.

FUNDRAISING – OUR NEXT EVENT – EASTER EGG HUNT

WHEN: GOOD FRIDAY

TIMING: 11:30-1:30

WHAT HELP DO WE NEED?

- 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 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
You can also text Sarah 0789145



Staffing Update

You may be aware that Siobhan has left us due to personal circumstances. Please be advised that your child has a new keyworker and they will now be monitoring your child's progress and ensuring they are happy and safe at playgroup along with the rest of the team.

We are currently recruiting, so please pass this information on to anyone you may know who is interested in working in childcare.

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER

Do you want to work in childcare?

Do you want to work as part of a new and inspiring team?

Are you passionate about making a difference to the next generation?

Do you want to work in an established and growing setting?

If you have answered YES to any of the above questions then please get in touch!

We have an exciting new role for an enthusiastic and dedicated Level 3 Early years Practitioner within our Pre-School Playgroup in Chalfont St Giles. Set in the Chalfont St Giles Cricket pavilion, open to children from 2 to 4 years.

Experience working with and teaching young children is essential and excellent childcare skills are necessary to ensure the highest standard of childcare and learning is adhered to within our Pre-School

This is a term time role working Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

Main duties

1. To assist with the planning of the curriculum using the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum for guidance.
2. To help to set up the playgroup for the daily programme and to help tidy away at the end of the session.
3. To act as a key person to a small group of children, liaising closely and building an effective relationship with parents/carers and ensuring each child's needs are recognised and met.
4. Work in partnership with parents/carers and other family members.
5. To advise the Manager of any concerns e.g. over children, parents or the safety of equipment, preserving confidentiality as necessary.
6. To teach children, offering an appropriate level of support and stimulating play experiences.
7. To ensure that children are kept safe and that you understand when to follow child protection procedures.
8. To actively participate at team meetings, supervisor meetings and appraisal meetings.
9. To attend training courses as required and to take responsibility for your development.
10. To keep completely confidential any information regarding the children, their families or other staff, which is required as part of the job.
11. To be aware of and adhere to all the setting's operational policies and procedures, e.g. health and safety, fire precautions, dropping off and collection of children, food safety, cleanliness of the setting etc.
12. To ensure that adequate records are kept and updated regularly
13. To promote the playgroup to current parents and potential customers.
14. To undertake any other reasonable duties as directed by the Manager, in accordance with the setting's business plan/objectives.

Please contact csg_playgroup@btinternet.com for more details.

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day – Dress up

Good Friday – Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 31st May – Annual Family Fun Day