

## Updates this week

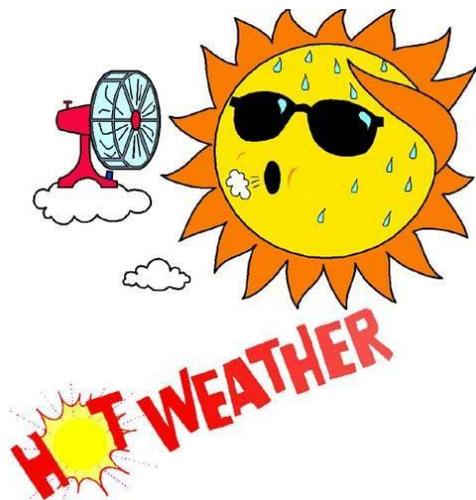
Dear Parents

It has been a lovely week at pre school playgroup, you will see from all of the observations on Tapestry that the children have been very busy. The children have been working in focus groups in the morning, using scissors, funky fingers and recognising the letters of their name. We have also enjoyed playing shops, and selling ice creams ready for the hot weather next week.



### HOT WEATHER

Next week is looking to be a hot one, temperatures are set to reach 28 degrees on Wednesday. Can we please remind you all to apply sun cream before coming to playgroup. (Minimum of factor 30) We will provide fresh drinking water regularly and we have sun hats for the children.



## **Funding and Forms**

### **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.](#)

### **COMMUNICATION REMINDERS**

Just a reminder for general enquiries such as admissions for September please email [csg\\_playgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:csg_playgroup@btinternet.com)

If you are a current parent and are enquiring about extra hours or change of days or have a child specific enquiry please email Tania [csg.manager@outlook.com](mailto:csg.manager@outlook.com)

For enquiries about invoices or finance please contact [accounts@csgplaygroup@btinternet.com](mailto:accounts@csgplaygroup@btinternet.com)

Don't panic all emails will be forwarded to the correct person and you will receive a reply within 48hrs.

You can also call the Playgroup mobile if it is an urgent matter.

All letters and newsletter as well as lots of information and resources can be found on the website too as well as Tapestry.

<https://csgplaygroup.co.uk/>



**Here are some ideas for you to try at home this week.**

Hand Hygiene - some fun activities to encourage good handwashing at home and an experiment to demonstrate how bacteria grows.

<https://earlyyears.buckscc.gov.uk/media/47275/200603-mf-hand-hygiene-lah.pdf>

Exploring Feelings - simple ideas and activities to help parents support their children to explore and understand their feelings. <https://earlyyears.buckscc.gov.uk/media/47276/200605-rm-exploring-feelings.pdf>

Turn Taking - some top tips for supporting the development of early turn taking skills

<https://earlyyears.buckscc.gov.uk/media/47277/turn-taking.pdf>