

This week at pre-school

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a wonderful first couple of days, with all of our new children settling in very well. We are helping children settle back into our daily routine and we are enjoying exploring and learning through play. The first few weeks involve getting to know the children and finding out what they all like and dislike. We will update you with themes, topics and focus areas in the next couple of weeks.

We were particularly excited to be open for our first ever Friday this week! We had lots of fun enjoying soft play, painting, making mud pies and o playing in our little woodland garden area.



THURSDAY 12-3 FOREST SCHOOL

Thursday was our first session back in the woods and it did not disappoint. We reminded the children about the forest school boundaries, crushed elderberries and blackberries and painted bird houses. We played in the mud kitchen and enjoyed some fire cooked popcorn.

If you are interested in joining us on Thursdays please email csg_playgroup@btinternet.com to book your child's space.



COFFEE MORNING



Coffee & Chat

We will be holding our next coffee morning for parents new and old on **Thursday 24th September from 9am** (after drop off) at the White Hart CSG. We would love to see lots of you there; this is an opportunity to meet other parents/carers and to meet Lindsay our chair of trustees. Children and younger siblings are welcome. We do try and change the day/time of these events so those of you who work can hopefully attend too.

FUNDRAISING

As a charity we heavily rely on fundraising to keep playgroup open for the children of the village and surrounding areas. In order to organise fundraising events and source funding opportunities **we need a TEAM of volunteers.**

The main aim of the fundraising team is to raise funds for the playgroup. The money is partly used to support the playgroup in funding everyday items such as toys and educational materials. Our main way of raising money is through a series of social events for adults and children which include the Easter Egg hunt and family fun day.

Everybody is welcome to attend the fundraising meetings

We also send out "We need your help" letters. These detail all the activities which will be taking place, what is involved and what help will be needed.

We need a small group of parents/grandparents/member of the community. Our aim is to provide playgroup with the extras that fees and county doesn't provide. We would love you to join us, either at our termly meetings or to be part of a team who are putting together an event – any contribution is really appreciated.

If events aren't your thing, there are other ways in which you can help. You can participate by Affiliate Marketing (ie shop online and we get a donation from the company) and donating treats/buying raffle tickets.

Funding all our projects wouldn't be possible without your support and also the support of our generous sponsors and advertisers.

JOIN US

It is that time of year when we need to look for a new volunteers! So do you fancy getting involved in your child's playgroup, helping to organise events to raise funds for the playgroup and projects. If so then we would love to hear from you.

We would need to know by the end of this half term (October) so you are ready to hit the ground running. Come on why not try something new and work with lots of other Mum's & Dad's to better our playgroup!

To find out more, please contact

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MEET THE TEAM

TANIA CONSTABLE MANAGER Hello, I'm Tania, the newly appointed manager at Chalfont st Giles Preschool playgroup. I have lived in Buckinghamshire all my life. I grew up in Amersham with my parents and older brother. In my early teens I baby sat for a few local families .I left school at the age of 16 and worked full time in a local hotel, where I worked in all the various roles and was promoted to management support. I left there in 2002 to be a full-time mummy to my daughter Chantelle, now 17.I met my husband in 2006 and had my second child in

2007, Ruby. We married in 2009 and had our third child Jake in 2013.In 2016 I joined a preschool where I found a true passion for working with children and enabling their learning. I completed my level 3 qualification. In 2018 I moved to a day nursery where I found I was magnetised to preschool age children. In January 2019 I was promoted to room leader and management support. With my 12-year-old starting secondary school and my 6-year-old in year 2 I decided it was time to stop working 10-hour shifts and be more flexible for my children's needs and so here we are 2020 and ready for the next chapter. Hobbies for me are mainly exercise. Zumba, I am a qualified instructor but haven't re started classes for a while. I like going to classes. I attend a new Yoga, Tai chi and meditation class in Amersham. I love music and I always find motivation in the beat and being with my family, cheesy but true.

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Family Learning provides free courses for parents and carers to help support their child's learning from birth.

Many parents have forgotten what they learnt at school and are under-confident when faced with new teaching methods. Our new Helping with Homework courses are open to all adults and are designed to give you confidence when supporting your child at home, plus offer ways of making homework enjoyable.

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Family Learning Online Courses in September 2020	
<p>Welcome to Family Learning Online! We hope that you will join us for one of our fun and informative courses, this September. Our courses for school-aged children are for parents only, whereas our courses for Early Years are for parents and children (2-4 years). Our courses are always enjoyable and helpful. To book, see the contact information for each course. If we are away, we will respond as soon as we can.</p>	
<p>Starting Reception</p>	<p>Free 5 week course for parents with children starting Reception- Sept 2020. Help your child to be ready for school. Learn how the curriculum is taught and create lots of simple, fun resources to support their understanding. Choose from these dates: Monday 14th September- 9:30- 11:30; Thursday 17th September 12:30- 2:30 Text: Kathryn on 07770 641997 with your name and the code: Gstart</p>
<p>Support your Child's Wellbeing</p>	<p>Free 5 week course for parents and carers children starting Y7- Sept 2020 Help support your child's wellbeing, as they return to school. Explore ways to build their self-esteem and confidence. Date: Monday 14th September- 1:00- 3:00 Text: Mandy on 07825 862029 with your name and the code: GenWB</p>
<p>Thinking about Volunteering</p>	<p>Free 1 week workshop for parents and carers with school age children Now that the children are back at school, are you thinking of going back into the workplace? Find out the skills you need and where to discover opportunities. Choose from dates: Wednesday 23rd September- 10:00-12:00; Tuesday 29th September 1:00-3:00 Text: Iva on 07710 145234 with your name and the code: GVol</p>
<p>Busy Fingers</p>	<p>Free 6 week course for parents of children from 2-4 years Children learn best by doing. Use things found in your home to support your child's development, through simple and fun craft, construction, messy play & mark-making activities. Choose from: Tuesday 15th September- 10:00- 11:30. Text Sarah: 07739 880400 with your name and the code: BFTues Or Thursday 17th September- 10:00- 11:30. Text Iva: 07710 145234 with your name and the code: BFThurs</p>
<p>Story Explorers</p>	<p>Free 6 week course for parents of children from 2-4 years Each week you will share a story online and, using materials found at home, discover how to support your child to explore their senses in activities inspired by the book. Choose from: Tuesday 15th September- 1:00- 2:30, Text Wendy: 07768 044813 with your name and the code: SETues Or Wednesday 16th September- 10:00- 11:30; Text Karen: 07983 563240 with your name and the code: SEWeds</p>

Facebook Page

Just a reminder that we are using our Facebook page more than ever now so please ensure you are following it. It is helping us advertise our wonderful Preschool and we also put up some updates and reminders of events. Please find us on Facebook and 'LIKE' our page. We would also love to have more reviews from our parents, so grab a coffee and please write a quick review.

Please comment, like Facebook pages posts, this boosts the posts and helps advertise playgroup. <https://www.facebook.com/csgplaygroup/>



Important Dates and Upcoming Events

We have lots of dates coming up and it won't be long before the Christmas fun begins 😊

Coffee morning 24th September 9am White Hart CSG

AGM TBC October

Playgroup Photos TBC