



# CSG Pre School Playgroup Newsletter

## 2<sup>nd</sup> November



### This week at pre-school

Dear Parents and Carers

You will undoubtedly be aware of the Government's announcement over the weekend regarding another lockdown with new measures coming in on Thursday. Schools and childcare settings will remain open which means CSG Pre School will re-open for business as usual tomorrow. As with previous announcements, further guidance will be published which may or may not affect some of the ways that we operate during the lock down and these arrangements are due later this week. We will update families as and when we have any more information.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you all tomorrow as we work together under our existing measures and restrictions to help reduce the spread of the virus outside and inside of the setting.

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that social distancing whilst waiting at the entrance and for collection is essential.

Stay safe.

Tania and the team.

#### A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported us and donated during Halloween week we raised £125 excluding the PayPal donations for the Pumpkin trail. Many thanks as always for your support with fundraising during this difficult time.



#### FUNDING

Funding forms for next half term have been sent out via email please return this forms ASAP via email or to Tania at the setting. Printed versions are available if this is easier. All of the funding forms can also be found on our website. [www.csgplaygoup.co.uk](http://www.csgplaygoup.co.uk)

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.

### **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.

[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.



**Just a reminder...**

### **TAPESTRY**

Here is a useful infographic to help explain Tapestry and how to use it. Tapestry is a vital tool for communication between the setting and home. Please ensure you are logging on regularly to check out your child's observations, read the memos, policies and also upload your own photos.

<https://tapestry.info/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/07/Early-Years.pdf>

Using Tapestry in  
Early Years  
[www.tapestryjournal.com](http://www.tapestryjournal.com)



Your child's setting use the online learning journal Tapestry to follow your child's learning. By using Tapestry, the setting can also set up an account for you to access your child's journal too. This means that you will be able to see the things they have been up to during the day giving you the opportunity to support your child's learning further when at home.

Once the setting are ready to share access with you, they will need your name and email address so that they can set up your account. They may give you a password so that you can log in, or they may send out an activation link so that you can create your own password, so keep an eye out for it, including in your spam folder!

There are many different things that Tapestry can offer, most of which are currently available through a browser at the address above. There is also an app available for Android and iOS devices, but currently this will **ONLY** be for observations so don't forget to keep checking on the browser for all the amazing things that are being shared with you!

**Reports**

If a report is shared with you on Tapestry, it will provide you with information about how your child is working within the Early Years Framework. Reports are available through the browser along the top menu.

**All About Me**

On the browser, from the 'Children' tab, you will find an area to share information about your child. This can be really useful for staff to have so that they can get to know your child.

**Memos**

These are a way for the staff to get a message to you without entering your child's journal. They might use this to let you know about special events that are coming up, or to remind you about those dress up days! You can leave a comment on a memo, but please note, these will be seen by all other relatives of children tagged in the memo. Memos are available through the browser along the top menu.

**Observations**

In Early Years the staff will be looking at what your child is doing and they will create an observation using words, pictures and video clips to record learning moments. They will make assessments on these observations using the Early Years assessment framework. The document that they use is called 'Development Matters' and this is broken down into age bands. These age bands are stages of development, so you may see observations that are assessed in an age band that your child does not fall into. This will be because that is what they are demonstrating developmentally.

You are able to add things that your child does at home, such as talking about what they see on a walk or completing a model over a period of time, and these will all help the staff make an accurate judgement. With Tapestry, you can easily add your own observations using the app or the browser.

**Activities**

This area is where your child can be set activities for you to try at home with them. There is a comment section where you can ask about the activity, but this will be seen by all relatives of children attached to that activity.

When you reply, it will be added as an observation for only the staff to see.

**Documents**

If the setting have any documents that they need to share with you, such as permission slips, they can do so from this section on the browser.

Files might be arranged in folders, and can be downloaded on to your device. You will not be able to upload files yourself to this section, but can do so through an observation.

**Care Diary**

When the setting records meals, sleep times and toileting on Tapestry, you can see these through the Care Diary area on the browser. The setting may also write notes about your child here relating to their daily care. If your child has an incident, like a bumped head, they may also use the accident forms within the Care Diary to inform you of this.

**Details about the app**

If you have an iOS or Android device, then from your app store you will be able to find the Tapestry Mobile app. The app is a quick and convenient way to access observations that have been added of your child, as well as for you to add things from home. Please note, all other features need to be accessed via the browser.

Scan this QR code with your device to download the app.



**TERM DATES**

Just a reminder that all our term dates can be found on our website and these have been previously sent out via memo on Tapestry. Term dates are below for your convenience.

**CSG PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP TERM DATES 2020/21**

Our term dates are in line with CSG village school.

School dates for September 2020 are still to be confirmed depending on government guidelines.

Term	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Spring	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
Summer	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021

### In-Service Training days (INSET Days for staff training):

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020
  - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020
  - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020
  - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- In addition to dates above schools will be closed on Bank Holiday – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

### EXCITING NEWS – BREAKFAST CLUB IS NOW OPEN

Childcare will now be available from 8am, the children will be fed breakfast and they will enjoy a variety of activities for the first hour of the day. Please speak to Tania or email us if you have any further questions or to book your child's space. [csg\\_playgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:csg_playgroup@btinternet.com)



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CSG PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP PRESENTS

# *Breakfast club*

8-9 am EVERYDAY  
£6.50 per child

Toast, cereal and a drink included

CONTACT [CSG\\_PLAYGROUP@BTINTERNET.COM](mailto:CSG_PLAYGROUP@BTINTERNET.COM)



## Important Dates and Upcoming Events

Photo's on 19<sup>th</sup> November have had to be postponed due to Lockdown – new date TBC.

End of term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020