



KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER

04 May 2023

LEARNING AT PLAYGROUP THIS WEEK

This week's activities have all stemmed from the same theme, the upcoming Coronation celebrations. We have decorated our windows with the very lovely bunting that the children have so beautifully coloured and painted. This also led to talking about all the flags in the UK and making a display of them. There has been castle building both with the sand and large construction blocks in the garden. Children have worked together to move blocks and talk about what the castle should look like. Children have enjoyed using their imaginations and dressing up as queens, princesses kings, princes and knights! What would it be like to live in a castle?

MAY IS NATIONAL SMILE MONTH!

It's National Smile Month this month. We are talking about teeth and how to look after them, and have acquired enough toothbrushes to give one to everyone to take one home next week. We do this every year and it is usually very popular - and can be a useful lead in to talk about a trip to the dentist!

NO MOW MAY

Plantlife's 'No Mow May' is a call to put our mowers away for the month and let the flowers grow ahead of the Every Flower Counts survey at the end of May. You will see that the flowers, especially the cowslips, are flourishing on the grass at the front of Playgroup.

REMINDERS: SUMMER TERM HOLIDAYS

Please let us know if you have any holidays booked during the term.

JOINING IN AT PLAYGROUP

As well as special visit and mystery readers, if you would like to come and join in with your child's session on any day from 1.00pm onwards, please let us know. This is less disrupting for the children than staying after drop off. Just let us know when would suit you and we can book you in! Younger siblings also welcome.

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS: FRIDAY 05 MAY FROM 2.00PM, AT PLAYGROUP

We are hoping the weather stays on our side for our afternoon of crafts to celebrate the coronation. Donations of cake are much appreciated. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. We have a small commemorative present to give to each of the playgroup children at the end of the day.

SUNDAY 07 MAY FROM 10AM AT ST PETER'S CHURCH CHURCH

A message from Barry:

'KINETON CORONATION BREAKFAST (+ACTIVITIES)

Join us to start the reign of our new monarch with a satisfying English breakfast (or croissants... or pancakes!) and help raise money for Kineton Playgroup and Kineton Scouts.

Alongside breakfast, you can enjoy the art display and flower festival in Kineton church, and keep the children entertained with **teddy bear parachuting from the tower**, a Coronation treasure hunt, and crafts and games in the church and churchyard.

We'll be finishing by 12, so that we can all get ready to join the coronation lunch in the Market Square. If you'd like to join us for breakfast, then to help us plan for numbers, please register

at https://Kineton_Coronation_breakfast.eventbrite.co.uk

HEALTH CHECKS: BOOSTERS, TEETH, HEARING, EYESIGHT

Pre-school boosters and other childhood immunisations. If you have not been contacted by your GP for your child's regular immunisations, then please check with your surgery that you have not missed any appointments. Although the childhood immunisation programme continued throughout the pandemic, some appointments have gone astray so it is a good idea to check all is in order.

Teeth and dental checks. Dental decay and gum disease in children can lead to other illnesses as well as causing pain. Try to get your children used to regular check-ups as early as you can. You may need to ring round to find an NHS or get on the waiting list. A quick check-up before they need to have anything done is a fun experience for children (usually involving stickers).

Hearing checks and Audiology. If you have any concerns about your child's hearing, please contact your Health Visitor or GP for a referral to the Audiology department. Glue ear is very common in young children and, although temporary, can affect adversely their speech sound development. If you are at all concerned about your child's speech (the sounds) or language (the words they use and understand), please let us know so we discuss it further.

Eyesight and visits to the Opticians. You do not have to wait until a child can read to visit the opticians - even newborn babies can have sight tests. Sight tests for children are free, and it is really worthwhile to have their sight checked before they start trying to read or write - these are big things to learn for everyone and even more tricky if you are finding it difficult to see the letters and numbers clearly. Children may not realise their eyesight is unclear if that is the way they have always seen the world, so do not wait but try to arrange a check now.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 23 May 2023 9.00am - Bag2School fundraiser collection

Recycle unwanted clothing and household linen etc to raise funds.

Tuesday 23 May and Thursday 25 May 2023 2.30pm-3.00pm - Sharing Afternoons

Come into playgroup to have a look through your child's learning journal with them and see what they have been up to.

Thursday 08 June 2023 all day - School starters 2023 trip to Compton Verney

Details have been sent out. Please reply and also let us know if you are able to help.

w/c 03 & 10 July - parent consultations

Details will be sent separately in early June.

Monday 17 July 2023, 10.00am to 12.30pm - Sports Day & Family Picnic - School starters 2023

Refreshments will be available to purchase during the races. Please bring a family picnic to enjoy at the end of the morning.

Tuesday 18 July 2023, 9.30am to 11.00am, younger children

Refreshments will be available to purchase during the races.

Summer term 2023:

Monday 17 April to Tuesday 25 July 2023

Closed Bank Holiday Mondays 01 & 08 May 2023

Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 02 June 2023

Holiday Club available Tuesday 30 to Friday 02 June and from Wednesday 26 July to

Friday 18 August

