



KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER

20 April 2023

LEARNING AT PLAYGROUP THIS WEEK

It has been lovely to hear all about what the children got up to over the Easter holidays. We have been making the most of the sunnier weather and spending more time outside, including going back over to forest school. There is a fantastic new digger over there that the children have been eagerly playing with, doing some super turn taking and sharing. In the garden there has been more digging but in the sand tray, scooping, pouring, mixing and transporting the sand. Spring crafts have also been popular, using tissue paper and branches to make our own blossom display.

PLAYGROUP VISITORS, MYSTERY READERS & SHARING AFTERNOONS

Do you or any family members have any special interests or skills, or well-behaved pets, or anything that you think would interest the children that you can share? It would also be lovely to welcome you as a 'mystery reader' at story time, or just to come and have a play. This usually works best if you come at the end of your child's session so they can go home with you, or if you come in with them on a day when they are not usually in session. Please let us know so we can arrange for a visit.

We are also going to arrange some 'sharing sessions' in the week before half term, so you can come a little early if you'd like for your child to show you their learning journal and photo memories.

ADVERTISING FOR STAFF

We are recruiting for more members of staff, mainly to work at KASC sessions, with some possible ad hoc cover for playgroup and holiday club. Please share with anyone you know who may be interested.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Coronation Celebrations

Friday 05 May 2023 from 2.00pm

We would like everyone to come to Playgroup for an afternoon of craft and cake to celebrate the coronation. Donations of cake much appreciated. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. We have a small commemorative present to give to each of the playgroup children.

School starters 2023 trip to Compton Verney

Thursday 08 June 2023 9.00am to 2.30pm

Everyone in the 2023 school year group is invited on this 'school trip'. Details will be sent separately, but we do depend on parent helpers to be able to go. If you are able to help, please let us know.

Playgroup Sports Days

Playgroup sessions are open as usual for children not at their Sports Days, and will be open after the events.

Monday 17 July 2023, 10.00am to 12.30pm, school starters 2023

Everyone in the 2023 school year group is invited to come to their sports day, with their parents, friends and family. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the races. Please bring a family picnic to enjoy with your children at the end of the morning.

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

A separate event for the younger children and their families and friends - slightly shorter in time but just as much fun!

PLAYGROUP SESSIONS 2023/24

Confirmation of sessions and new 2023/24 contracts will be sent out by the end of the month.

WILD FLOWERS, APPLE TREES, NATIVE HEDGING, BUMBLE BEES & OTHER POLLINATORS

We have a wonderful wild flower resource on the school field, which is old ridge and furrow pasture. We are continuing to support some wild flower meadows around our site, between the fence and car park, in the end raised bed, under the hedge we planted in front of the new house fence and on the far side of the main field and along the side of the playgroup fence. The cowslips are just beginning to peak through and will be left to set seed after flowering, the daisies are being brave and we look forward to buttercups at the start of next term, and we are looking forward to clovers and cornfield annuals. In a survey carried out some years ago, botanists found over 100 species of wild plants on the school site! We are working on a mowing regime, so please bear with us if some areas look a little scruffy from time to time. Insects, especially bumble bees and similar pollinators, are in decline and need these mini wildlife reserves to survive, so these little areas are really important.

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Home alone: There is no legal age at which children may be left home alone, but if doing so puts them at risk of injury or suffering then parents can be prosecuted for neglect. The NSPCC 'Home alone' leaflet gives useful tips to help parents decide in what situations they may leave their children home alone, and what they need to do to ensure their safety and wellbeing. It advises how to make sure children can use the internet and mobile phones safely.

We have used these tips to draft an 'Emergency Plan', which you could use as a basis for discussion with your children, and to fill in and keep at home. Email copies are attached, and paper copies are available from the office. Even if they are too young or you never leave your children alone, for any reason, it is still useful to talk about these things in terms they understand, just in case of an emergency or accident to you.

Mobile phones: No-one is permitted to use personal mobiles phones at Playgroup in any areas where the children are - this includes the garden and the forest school site. Please finish any calls before you arrive and keep your phone in your bag or pocket when dropping off or collecting children. This is to keep your children safe.

50 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE 5

Lots of information and ideas for fun things to do whatever your age!

Find out more: <https://warwickshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome>

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

