

KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER



14 November 2024

THIS WEEK AT PLAYGROUP

The children have been practicing their Christmas songs and lines for the upcoming performance. You may well have heard some of the renditions at home. Children in Need is in full swing with yellow playdough, Pudsey bear painting and Peppa pig puzzles and books! Today we even had our very own Pudsey bear in the form of Emily! We have loved seeing your face paints and spotty/Peppa pig/party outfits. Watch out for our donation total tomorrow! Remember you can make a donation online via the following link [here](#). We also have a limited number of Children in Need wrist bands available to buy on the door.



TIPS FOR TALKING

Children develop language skills at different rates: www.talkingpoint.org.uk has useful tips on communication and language development. It identifies what children will typically be able to do at different ages. However it does not necessarily mean something is wrong if a child is not doing something that is considered typical! They may be concentrating on some other area of development, such as pedaling a bike or coming out of nappies. The website includes useful ideas to encourage children's language development. If you ever do have any concerns, please speak to us.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Christmas Performance: 10.00 to 11.00, Tuesday 03 December, Primary School Hall
Casting details and invitations were sent home yesterday, rehearsals in full swing!
Christmas Party: 9.45 to 12.30, Friday 20 December, Helen's Place
Party invitations will be set out next week.
Christmas Church Services: 1-2pm, Monday 18 November St Francis Church and 10.00 to 10.45AM, Monday 16 December, St Peter's Church. All invited, meet at the church.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

'Wear it Pink' week: £55.10 raised for Breast Cancer Awareness
Bag2School collection: £22.00 raised for Playgroup & KASC Christmas activities

KINETON VICTORIAN EVENING CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets on sale at playgroup now at £1 each, individually or a book of five, cash only please; playgroup will benefit from 50% of any sales made here, with the other 50% going to other local charities. If you feel able to sell tickets to friends or family, please ask for extra raffle books. A flyer for the Victorian Evening event is attached.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS!

We are starting lots of lovely seasonal and Christmas activities this week. If you have any family or home traditions you would like to share, do let us know, we would love to share them at playgroup.

KEEPING SAFE AND HEALTHY ROAD SAFETY & ROAD AWARENESS

Road safety: We frequently speak to the children about 'stop, look and listen' when crossing the road. We also reinforce basic road safety rules during sessions through small world play (road safety games and figures), using road signs and the zebra crossings on the cycle track, only allowing a child to use the bikes if they wear a helmet, and using the paths and crossing points when visiting the wider school site. You can help by making sure you use the paths as well and do not walk across the car park to playgroup, and by discussing the safe things to do with your children (eg wearing a seat belt, watching and listening before crossing the road, crossing in a safe place). Be prepared for the children to be very bossy and to tell you all about it themselves!

Be road aware. All children move really quickly and can dash off to see anything that interests them, as well as running away as part of a 'chase' or hiding game. Children are not really able to judge speed until they are about seven or eight years old. Do make sure you can hang on to your children if they make a sudden movement - double buggies, boogie boards for them to stand on, reins, wrist straps and backpack/reins combos are all useful if they won't reliably hold your hand or buggy, or you don't have a hand free. Better to be safe than sorry! Follow the link for more information: <http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/>

Engine pollution. Please remember to turn off your engine when parked and waiting for the children - idling engines produce a lot of pollution and can severely affect the air quality near schools, which then has an impact on children's respiratory systems

FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE (FIS)

FIS provides information to support families on topics such as finance, special educational needs, parenting and bullying. The website contains lots of useful information: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis>

BRITISH VALUES

We demonstrate 'British Values' - in fact human values - all the time at playgroup - [click here](#) and look at the 'Educational aims and objectives' section of our website for more details on what this means in practice at pre-school age.

FOOD SUPPORT

We are able to refer families to the Food Bank in Kineton. Please let Carol know if that would be helpful. Any discussions will of course be treated in complete confidence.

Autumn term 2024:	Monday 09 September to Friday 20 December 2024 Half term: Monday 28 October to Friday 01 November 2024
Spring term 2025:	Tuesday 07 January to Friday 11 April 2025 Half term: Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2025
Summer term 2025:	Monday 28 April to Friday 18 July 2025 Half term: Monday 26 to Friday 30 May 2025
Autumn term 2025:	First day of term - Wednesday 03 September 2025 (tbc)

