



KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER

14 March 2024

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Everyone - parents, siblings and grandparents - is invited to join us at these events

Wednesday 20 March, 1.00pm : Easter church visit, leaving Playgroup at 12.45pm. Walk with us or join us at church.

Thursday 21 March, 2.00pm: Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Egg Hunt at Playgroup - tea and coffee provided, cake donations welcome! Please cross your fingers for good weather so we can use the school field.

PLAYGROUP SESSIONS 2024/25!

Information on booking sessions for 2024/25 is being sent out to all parents of children with a school starting date of September 2025 or 2026. If you have a younger child in that age group who is not yet enrolled, or know anyone who has, please ask us for an enrolment form for completion and return as soon as possible. Priority for places is given in accordance with the Admissions Policy to those who return their completed forms by Friday 29 March 2024. After that you risk not having the sessions you want, or having to go on a waiting list. We will confirm sessions back to you by the end of April.

If you are not yet sure of what sessions you might need, please speak to Carol, and we can reserve sessions for you.

THIS WEEK AT PLAYGROUP

We have been busy this week making Easter Crafts ready for our celebrations next week. We have also been reading about spring and noticing the changes such as the flowers starting to bloom and the weather changing (slowly), spending time outside a lot more when we can. The children are fully embracing our music and movement sessions on a Wednesday morning with Creative Flair. The children have demonstrated good listening and following instructions during sessions. We have some little dancers in the making!

SUMMER TERM HOT DINNERS

We have been informed by Educaterers Ltd (which supplies catering for meals for the school) that meal prices will be increasing by 28p per meal from 01 April 2024. This means the cost of each meal will be £3.19. Please confirm whether you would like to continue with hot dinners in the summer term. There will be a new menu for the summer term, but it has not yet been posted on their website; it doesn't usually change very much, but we will circulate a copy when we can. We usually opt for the 'red' choice, unless we already know of a specific food allergy, intolerance or preference (the exception being gammon on Wednesdays in week 2, when we have chicken). We will test out the new menu options, and if we find the children don't like any particular dish even after trying it, we will liaise with the school kitchen staff to find an alternative.

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

First aid at playgroup: All members of Playgroup staff have appropriate first aid training. If your child has a minor accident they will be looked after and you will be asked to read and sign the accident form when you collect your child. If your child falls ill or has a head bump or more serious injury we will contact you at home to let you know what has happened; depending on the situation you may be asked to come and collect them.

If your child has a major accident or appears seriously ill and it becomes necessary to seek help, we will contact the emergency services. In that situation we will always call an ambulance first, and then contact you immediately afterwards. If your child has an accident at home, please let us know so that we can fill in a 'bump note', and watch out for any reactions during the playgroup day.

No-nuts policy: Please remember we have a strict 'no nuts' policy at Playgroup, which includes no peanuts or peanut butter. This is to protect children with nut allergies, who can react to nuts in the air. Do check the ingredients in anything you put in packed lunches.

Hot weather, buggies and cars: In sunny weather (even in spring) children can get very hot very quickly in car seats and buggies, especially if they are a little unwell or dehydrated, which may even lead to infantile convulsions. Watch that they are still in the shade, especially in forward-facing buggies, and check on them regularly to ensure they do not overheat.

ROAD SAFETY & KEEPING SAFE

Arriving and leaving Playgroup are great opportunities for road safety practice: 'Stop, Look and Listen', walk along the paths and cross over at the zebra crossings. We practise this every day when going to the school with the children for hot dinners.

Please do not walk across the middle of the car park unless you are going to your car at breakfast club or kasc, and then watch out for cars moving out of their parking spot or using the car park as a roundabout. Although we try to keep the main gates shut between 8.30am and 3.30pm, as parents are not allowed to drive on site between these hours save in exceptional circumstances, they are sometimes left open by delivery drivers, which allows other cars to drive on to and then out of the site very quickly. There have been a number of near misses lately, which have been quite scary, so please be careful.

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.

You can also drop off donations at the church on Thursdays between 12.30pm and 2.00pm. Easter eggs, and cross buns would be gratefully received for the Easter holidays.

Spring term 2024: Last day of term: Friday 22 March 2024
Summer term 2024: Monday 08 April to Friday 19 July 2024
Half term: Monday 27 to Friday 31 May 2024
Autumn term 2024: First day of term: Wednesday 04 September 2024

Holiday Club will run over the half terms, Easter holidays and first four weeks of the summer holidays (except bank holidays). Please ask for details.

