



# KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER

05 May 2022

## OFSTED INSPECTION

As you are aware, we had a visit from Lisa Gadsby, Ofsted Inspector, yesterday. Thank you to all parents who spoke to Lisa or provided written comments. We now await the report and anticipate that this will be published after half term.

## SUMMER TERM HOLIDAYS

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

## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

We would like to invite all children and parents to join us for tea and cake and craft activities on Friday 27 May at 2pm to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

## 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 for everyone to take one home. We do this every year and it is usually very popular - and can be a useful lead in for a trip to the dentist!

## TELL YOUR FAVOURITE CHILDREN'S STORY

Do you have a favourite children's story that you would like to come and tell the children? We would love you to come along to story time to share it.

## THIS WEEK AT PLAYGROUP

We have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies. Our caterpillars have eaten lots of food and will soon form cocoons. We can then watch them turn into butterflies.

The huge tube has been lots of fun this week in the garden. Lots of children can fit inside and on top of it.

## JOINING IN AT PLAYGROUP

If you would like to come and join in your child's session on any day from 1.30pm onwards, please let us know. We thought this would be easier logistically and 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 welcome too!

## BAGS2SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: 10 MAY

Recycle unwanted clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories and help us to raise funds for Playgroup. Fill as many large bin bags as you can and drop them off at Playgroup on Tuesday 10 May by 9.00am . Please only drop off on the morning of as we can't store the bags overnight in case of rain. (No uniforms, workwear, bedding, curtains, soft toys or pieces of fabric please)

## BOOK EXCHANGE

We have set up a little book exchange centre (originally a mini greenhouse, thank you to Sally and Dan for building it) at the front of Playgroup to re-cycle & exchange your pre-loved & read books! Borrow, swap or make a small donation to buy. We hope to stock books for all ages.

## SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

### 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 has continued throughout the pandemic, understandably some communications 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 is on the increase, and can lead to other illnesses as well as pain and discomfort. Try to get your children used to regular check-ups as early as you can. Dentists are now offering appointments in compliance with Covid advice, but most practices do have a longer wait time than usual. . 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 again 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 letters and numbers clearly. Children may not know their eyesight is unclear if that is the way they have always seen the world, so again do not wait until the start of school but try to arrange a check now.

### 50 THINGS TO DO IN WARWICKSHIRE BEFORE YOU ARE 5

A menu of exciting activities for families in Warwickshire with young children, with great suggestions for how to have fun and learn at the same time.

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

### NO MOW MAY

Plantlife has launched 'No Mow May', a rallying cry 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 are flourishing on the grass at the front of Playgroup.

Summer term 2022:

Monday 25 April to Thursday 21 July 2022

Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 03 June 2021

Holiday club: Monday 30 May to Wednesday 01 June

