

# Begbroke Playgroup

## Newsletter – May 2019

### Welcome

We would like to welcome Luke and Simon to Begbroke Playgroup, we hope you enjoy your time with us

### Handbag Sale

Our committee will be holding a Handbag sale on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please can you donate any handbags that you no longer use, but someone else could. Bring them into us at Playgroup and we will pass them on to Kate, thank you.

### Sports Day

We will be holding sports day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm. All welcome to come and cheer and support all our participants.

### Parents Evening

We are holding Parents Evenings on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May. You should all have received a request form, appointments will go out this week. Come and view your child's Learning Pathway Folder.

Please check the Key person board to find your child's Key person.

### School Readiness

From now until July we will be practicing phonetic rhymes, recognizing and forming letters and numbers with the children who will be going to school in September. Please ask your child's key person if you would like more information on this. We will also be helping the children get ready for 'Big School'. We will encourage them to be more independent with clothing and opening packets from lunch boxes. Group time will also enable the children to sit cross legged and listen as they will be expected to at school.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/phonics-made-easy> is a brilliant site if you would like to help your child with Phonics.

### Wish Tree

We have a lovely Wish Tree in Playgroup which have items for Playgroup we think will help with your child's fun and learning. Please look at the board and see if there is anything you may be able to donate, thank you.

### Spare Clothes

We have noticed quite a few children are coming to playgroup without proper coats. Outdoor play is an essential part of our day therefore please provide a waterproof coat for your child, we do go outdoors even in the rain.

Due to water play please also provide a set of spare clothes that can be left on your child's peg. If your child is still in nappies, please make sure you provide the nappies and wipes for changing.



### **Story Sack Lending Library**

We have set up a lending library for parents/carers to borrow resources on a weekly basis. The sacks contain books, rhymes, props and games for you to interact with your child. There is a sign-up book for us to keep a record. There is also a contents list in the sacks to help keep track. Please see a member of staff if you would like to borrow a sack.

### **Toys from home**

Please do **NOT** allow your child to bring their own toys to playgroup. Not only do they cause jealousy, but they may also get broken. We have a lot of resources here for them to choose from. Comforters are allowed during settling in.

### **Sun Cream**

We will be outdoors most of the day as the weather is improving so please put sun cream on your child before they come in, and a named pot of sun cream in their bag so we can top it up after snack and lunch time.

### **Lunch boxes**

Please provide your child with a **named** lunch box which includes a drink, we need the lunch box clearly named as lunch times are getting very busy. We provide fresh water in bottles throughout the day, but children enjoy their own drinks for lunch, **named** please, this could be any juice, milk or squash avoiding fizzy drinks. We do have a microwave in the kitchen so if you would like your child to have a hot meal for lunch that is no problem, i.e. pasta, soups, noodles or potatoes etc. Your child's lunch box should have a least one portion of fruit or vegetables, a small treat but **NO** sweets, to promote healthy eating habits.

### **Term Dates**

23<sup>rd</sup> April                    until     24<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> June                      until     19<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
9<sup>th</sup> September            until     25<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
4<sup>th</sup> November            until     19<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday

The new academic year will start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for Begbroke Playgroup.

### **Closure announcements:**

If the weather prevents us from opening, we will try to contact you via text message, on our website, Oxfordshire County Council website or Facebook.

### **Contact Us**

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