

# Begbroke Playgroup

## Newsletter - January 2019

### Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome back everyone. We would also like to welcome Jacob Long, Everest Gawthorne, Ezra Kataria, Rex Craig and Grace Ingham to Begbroke Playgroup, we hope they enjoy their time with us.

### 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. If your child does not like sandwiches, 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.

### Absences

If your child is going to be late, is too poorly, or not coming to playgroup for another reason, please could you phone/text **07594652291** and let us know by 9.10 on the scheduled session. If we have not been informed by you it is our responsibility to contact you to make sure there are not any serious issues with you or your child, this is a safeguarding issue.

It is also vital you put our phone number in your own contacts list, if your child is with us please make sure you answer your phone to us as we will only call you if it is important.

If you need to give your child paracetamol or ibuprofen before coming to Playgroup your child should not attend.

### 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. We do have 'Show and Tell' but the items are put in a safe place for the rest of playgroup.

### Existing Injury Form

If your child comes to playgroup with an existing injury caused elsewhere, please fill in an Existing Injury Form which can either be found on our website or in the hallway at Playgroup. This is to conform to new Safeguarding regulations.

### 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.



### School Places

If your child is due to start 'big' school in September 2019 then the closing date for applications is the **15<sup>th</sup> January**. Make sure you go on line and complete the application form before this date, trust me it is a nightmare if you do not apply. The link is <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/online-school-applications> and fill in the form.

### 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. We have also noticed that some of the children's footwear is not very easy for them to put on themselves. We encourage the children to put on their own shoes and coats to prepare them for school.

### Easy fundraising

Karen is helping Begbroke Playgroup to raise money whenever she shops online - could you do the same?

It's very simple - just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/begbrokeplaygroup/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/begbrokeplaygroup/) to register and shop with over 2000 well known retailers like Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay and many more. Whenever Karen buys something, the retailer donates to Begbroke Playgroup. They've helped other causes raise over £2,000,000 so it really does work. So far she has raised over £420.00 for the Playgroup.

We would be very grateful if you could use Easyfundraising too. It won't cost you a penny extra to shop through Easyfundraising and you can even save money with special offers and voucher codes.

So please make a difference to Begbroke Playgroup and take a look at easyfundraising today at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel>

Thank you.

## Key Person Approach

At Begbroke Playgroup each child is assigned a key person. Their role is to help ensure that every child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs; to help the child to become familiar with the playgroup, offer a settled relationship for the child and to build a relationship with their parents. Please see the Key Person boards in the main room to identify your child's Key Person. You will also see a chart with the key groups and in brackets what we call a 'buddy' so if your Key person is absent there is still a member of staff assigned to meeting your child's needs.

## Car Park

The village hall is used by other groups during the day resulting in others using car parking spaces. Please remember to be careful when driving into the village hall car park as there may be people or cars moving around. We have noticed some people driving in rather rapidly and there could be a nasty accident. On the same note please make sure your children are **NOT** running around in the car park when dropping off and picking up as others may not be thinking about children being there, thank you.

## Term Dates

7<sup>th</sup> January            until    15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

25<sup>th</sup> February        until    5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

23<sup>rd</sup> April            until    24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> June              until    19<sup>th</sup> July 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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