

## Term Dates

20<sup>th</sup> February      until      7<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
24<sup>th</sup> April            until      26<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
6<sup>th</sup> June                until      21<sup>st</sup> July 2017  
6<sup>th</sup> Sept                until      20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 Inset days

## 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.

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# Begbroke Playgroup April 2017



## Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 11.00am until 1.00pm, Begbroke Playgroup will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt. For those who have not attended one before, weather dependent, there will be wrapped Easter Eggs scattered in the field behind the village hall for the children to search for, including a smaller area for under twos. There will be arts and crafts set out in the village hall for children to participate in with their parents help. Hot beverages, cold drinks, biscuits and cakes for sale. The cost is £2.00 per child under 10 years. Siblings over 10 may attend but will not be permitted to hunt for eggs. Baskets for collecting eggs will be supplied by us. Come and join us for some Easter fun.



## Woodstock Carnival

We have heard through the grape vine they are organizing Woodstock Carnival this year on the Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The committee have decided to run a stall as well as take part in the parade. They will run a bottle tombola and have asked all you lovely people to donate bottles of any sort to help us raise funds. The bottles can range from shampoo, ketchup or alcohol. There will be boxes for donations in playgroup after the Easter break.

There will be activities in the Museum in the afternoon.

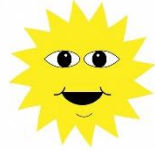
The stalls open from 4.00pm until 7.00pm and vary enormously. Usually there are a few fairground rides, children's attractions and a variety of food options. The parade starts at around 5.00pm, the route is to be confirmed, which normally takes half an hour to complete. After the Parade feel free to go your own way and enjoy the rest of the evening.

After 7.00pm there is live music in front of the town hall until 11.00pm with fireworks to finish.

There is parking available in Blenheim with a charge of £2. per car until 10.00pm, this money is then used to pay for insurance of the carnival the following year.

## Summer is coming!!

Hopefully summer is on its way.



We have started putting playgroup sunhats out when the sun is shining but many children prefer their own hat to wear, please put one in their bag if they would prefer this. We will insist they wear a hat if they wish to play outside as the garden is in direct sun for a lot of the day.

Please could you also supply some suitable sun cream labelled with your child's name, we have asked you all to complete sun cream permission forms allowing us to apply the sun cream. Please check there is no nut oil in the ingredients. We like to spend as much time outside as we can and young skin is very easy to burn.

## Parents Evening

This year due to so many other weekend commitments we are holding a parents' evenings on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. If you wish to see your child's Key Person to look through your child's Learning Pathway, then please fill in the slip accompanying this newsletter and return the slip to playgroup please. If you are unable to make these dates please see your child's Key Person for a more suitable appointment.

## Phonics

From now until July we will be practicing phonetic rhymes and forming the letters with the children who will be going to school in September. This will either be Jolly Phonics or Read Write Inc depending on which school your child has been accepted to. 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.

## Vouchers

We are now collecting Sainsbury's vouchers. If anyone offers you any or doesn't want theirs we would really appreciate them.

## 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 have also noticed some children are being provided with smoothies instead of a drink, they are fine but smoothies are liquidized fruit not drinks so please provide both. 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, rice or potatoes etc.

Please do not include cutlery as we provide small knives, forks and spoons so we don't mislay yours.

If you would like your child to stay for lunch, please give us at least 24 hours' notice as we have different allergies now. We are still a nut free zone.

## Topic for next Term

We will be looking at animals next term. These will include the Jungle, Farm and Pets.

If you can help with this topic i.e. bring in a pet to visit, please let us know.

During the Easter break we will be making an interactive dinosaur area in the sensory garden for children to explore.

## Karen

I will be away from Playgroup for a few weeks due to an operation on my right knee. I will still be involved with the administration side but until I can drive again I will not be there from day to day. Playgroup will be open as normal as Zu will take over and the committee will help if needed.

Karen, Zu and Caroline would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope you enjoy the break. See you on the 24<sup>th</sup> x