

## Term Dates

6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	until	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2017
30 <sup>th</sup> October	until	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
4 <sup>th</sup> January	until	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
19 <sup>th</sup> February	until	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
16 <sup>th</sup> April	until	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
5 <sup>th</sup> June	until	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

**We are closing at 12.00pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

### 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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# Begbroke Playgroup



## NOVEMBER 2017

## Welcome

What an amazing start to the school year we had, we welcomed Poppy Vaulter, Alexander Plathe and Teddy Elford to playgroup in September. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

## Nativity

As we are a small group this year we can perform the Christmas Nativity in the church at Begbroke. This is a magical experience for all. Due to bookings at the church the date will be 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00pm.

St. Michael's Church is behind the L.V.S. building up Springhill Road, it is sign posted. Just to let you know parking is tight.

The children will be practicing the songs, there is a song sheet with this newsletter if you can practice at home please.

There will be mince pies and mulled wine available for the adults as well as drinks and biscuits for the children.

## Car Park

Please can we remember to be careful when driving into the village hall car park. 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, thank you.

## Christmas Party

We will be holding the Christmas party on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00am until 12.00pm. Even if your child does not attend on Tuesdays they are still invited to come. There will be a visit from Santa at 11.00am if you would like to come back and join us then you will be very welcome. Please provide a wrapped and clearly labelled present to the value of £7.50.

## Christmas Party Present

If your child is coming to the Christmas party may we suggest the wrapped present from Santa is something that your child can play with rather than say a DVD or a book as they will see their friends opening toys and may be unhappy with their gift.

### Phones

At Begbroke Playgroup we have a no mobile phone policy within the building and ask parents/carers not to use their phones as this is a safeguarding issue, if the call is unavoidable please go outside the front gates to take it.

### Absences

If your child is going to be late, or is too poorly, or not coming to playgroup for another reason, please could you phone **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, again 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.

### Appropriate clothes

Please provide clean spare clothes in a bag on their peg especially with the lovely puddles in the garden. We also recommend warm clothing should be provided after the weekends as the heating will have been off and it takes a while to heat up on Mondays. Waterproof outdoor coats are a must with this lovely British weather. Footwear should be easy for the child to manage but please do not put your child in Crocs as we have noticed a few difficulties with these in the garden.

### 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.

### Permitted Collection Form

Please make sure you have filled in the permitted collection form, this is an Ofsted requirement.

### School places

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2018 please log into Oxfordshire County Council website for online applications.

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

is the website address for applying for a school place. The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### Fee Increase

From January 2018 the fees will increase due to inflation. There is a letter from Begbroke Committee included with this newsletter.

### WOW board

We have created a WOW board by the window; this is to record milestones and achievements the children make outside of playgroup. Please fill in a form to celebrate your child's achievements and stick it up for all to see. We have included a form for you to fill in with this newsletter.

### 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.

### Begbroke Committee

Thank you to the parents that attended the AGM in October we really appreciated it. Begbroke Playgroup cannot exist without a committee. We have a meeting once a month to discuss the running of Playgroup. This is quite informal and usually involves wine and snacks.

If you would like to join the committee, please see Karen. It does involve filling in some forms for Ofsted which we can help you with if needed.