



Newsletter May 2022

Thank you

A massive THANK YOU goes out to everyone who has donated items or supported us in other ways the past few years. We really appreciate it. Without support we could not keep going, There are many jobs people can help us out with, for example Sophie's grandad mows the grass for us, we need someone to repair the summerhouse in the front garden(the doors don't shut properly) and the fence needs painting. Please let us know if you could help in some way.

### Fun and Games

On 1<sup>st</sup> July William Fletcher School are holding their Fete at 5.30pm.

We have been invited to have a stall. We are asking you all if you can have a clear out of soft toys and donate them to playgroup to help raise funds or our outdoor area. Please bring them to us at your earliest convenience. It is the first Fete they have been able to hold for two years so let's hope the weather is good. Come along and have some fun and support our causes.

### Calpol

If you have needed to give your child Calpol/ibuprofen before Playgroup you should **NOT** bring them in. If anyone in your household tests positive for Covid please inform a member of staff as soon as possible

### Spare clothes

Please bring a bag with spare clothes/nappies etc and leave on your child's peg from their first session of the week and take home after the last session, thank you. Please do not include toys.

### Fundraising

Please can you support us by using the AmazonSmile or easyfundraising sites.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone (found under 'settings' on your app). On your browser, you may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. When you're using the app, always check for the "AmazonSmile" logo to ensure you're activated for AmazonSmile and support Begbroke Playgroup, thank you.

For easyfundraising follow the link

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/begbrokeplaygroup>

These two are an easy way to raise money for us, thank you

### Key Person and Buddies

Our key person approach is still in place and all children have a key person, and buddy who would take over if a key person were off. If you do not know your child's key person or buddy please ask when dropping off or collecting and a member of staff will let you know.

### Lunch boxes

Please provide your child with a named lunch box which includes a **named** drink, we need the lunch box clearly named. 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. We are promoting oral health and will encourage the children in this.

### Story Sack & Book 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. We have also set up a book section for parents to borrow above the children's drawers. Please enjoy these books with your child/ren. We will rotate the books on a half termly basis. Please see a member of staff if you would like to borrow a sack or a book.

### Show and Tell

Some of the children have enjoyed bringing in items for 'show and tell' at playgroup. Whilst we enjoy sharing these items please can they be an item which is of a special interest or relevance to the child or time of year rather than a toy. A souvenir from a day trip or something found on a walk is ideal.

### Gates and Doors

Please do **NOT** allow your child to open the gate or doors in playgroup as this may cause a safeguarding issue. We are here to keep your children and ourselves in a safe and welcoming environment. Thank you for your help with this.

## 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.

## Policies

The Playgroup policies are updated at least annually and reflect our practice. These policies are available to view on our website <http://www.begbrokeplaygroup.org.uk> or ask a member of staff for a hard copy. We keep up with current legal requirements.

## Term Dates

6 <sup>th</sup> June	until	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
5 <sup>th</sup> September	until	21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
31 <sup>st</sup> October	until	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	until	10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
20 <sup>th</sup> February	until	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
17 <sup>th</sup> April	until	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
5 <sup>th</sup> June	until	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023

1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 May Bank Holiday

## Closure announcements:

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

## Contact Us

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