

Term Dates

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

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

January 2018



Welcome

We would like to welcome Rupert Tyrrell, Jaya Finnis and Ruby Shelton 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. 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.

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.



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.

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

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.

We have only had one parent so far and would like to encourage you all as it would be a lovely way to share in your child's learning.

Please see a member of staff if you would like to borrow a sack.



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.

School readiness is not just about being able to physically do things such as zips and shoes but is also about developing listening and attention skills, this can be helped at home by spending extending periods of time every day doing a simple activity such as reading a book, colouring or dot to dot puzzles with your child.

World Book Day - 1st March 2018

To celebrate world book day this year we will be having a Teddy Bear's picnic in playgroup at snack time. We are asking your child to bring in just one teddy to join us for the picnic. We will supply the picnic but just ask for a small monetary donation to help support Begbroke Playgroup and Crackerjacks. For more information on Crackerjacks please follow this link

<http://www.crackerjacks.org.uk/>

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.

