

Begbroke Playgroup Newsletter June 2020



Term Dates

Playgroup closes for the summer holidays on 17th July

7 th September 2020	until	23 rd October 2020
2 nd November 2020	until	18 th December 2020
4 th January 2021	until	12 th February 2021
22 nd February 2021	until	31 st March 2021
19 th April 2021	until	28 th May 2021
7 th June 2021	until	16 th July 2021

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Welcome

Welcome back to all the children who have currently returned to playgroup. They have settled back into playgroup life beautifully and have adapted to all the changes. We are pleased to see you back and miss the children yet to return. As you will know we have made a number of changes to the set up and running of playgroup in-line with Covid 19 government guidelines on the re-opening of early years settings. We have completed detailed risk assessments on the setting and are confident that we are operating within government guidelines.

Our focus over the next week in terms of learning much of what we provide for the children coming into playgroup will initially be based around Personal, Social and Emotional needs in the different environment, with different expectations. We are hopeful we can still enable children to have fun and enjoy seeing other people, whilst keeping as safe as possible. We are taking the lead from the children and following their interests in terms of planning and activities. Much of our learning will be outdoors where possible. Over the first week there has been lots of interest in bugs/insects of all sorts plus an interest in shape and numbers. We will focus on mini beasts and incorporate shape and number into this. We will also continue to work on our early reading skills and phonics. We will look at changes of season and weather as we hopefully continue to enjoy nice weather and welcome the official start of summer. We will also look at growth and change for people as we start to think about the transition many of the children will make moving on to School.

Key person and Buddies

We have had a temporary change in our keyworker system. Zu and Caroline have our existing key children. We have shared Karen's key children who have returned between us

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.

Drop off and Pick up

Pick up and drop off will be at the front door, we will take one child at a time, take their bags/lunchbox and you can say goodbye. We will shut the door and help that child wash their hands and then take the child into the main room. We will then come back to the door to collect the next child and start the process again. We appreciate this will take more time but we must ensure that children and staff are protected from risk as much as possible.

We are asking everyone to ensure they are on time for collecting their child; in order to open playgroup and keep the children safe we have a large amount of cleaning to be done every day and this can only be done once the children have all left for the day.

Car Park

Please can we remember to be careful when driving into the village hall car park. Due to social distancing waiting parents and children may need to wait into the car park, alternatively please wait in your car until there is space in the garden. 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.

Spare Clothes

Please could you provide your child with a bag containing a complete change of clothes, sun hat and sun cream. Nappies and wipes if required. 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.

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.