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# NEWSLETTER

## Summer Term 2024

### School Admissions

For the children leaving us this year to start school in September, we would love to hear from you which school your child will attend.

**Feltwell:** <https://www.edmunddemoundeford.co.uk/>

**Hockwold:** <https://iceni-hockwold.attrust.org.uk>

**Weeting:** <https://www.weeting.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Weeting&pid=6>

**Methwold:** <https://www.methwold-pri.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Duchy+of+Lancaster&pid=3>

**Mundford:** <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/mundford/>

*Please let us know* what Primary School your child will be going to.

### Bag for Each Child

Would you please make sure your child arrives with a bag with a spare set of clothes that are labelled. This will also allow us to have somewhere to put items from home or to be sent home.

### A Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our cake sale before the Easter Holidays and took part in our Easter Trial through the village. Whether you provided delicious baked goods or purchased any of them (or both), it really made a difference. We raised over £100!!!

### Names on Lunch Boxes & Water Bottles

Would parents please make sure to clearly put names on their child's lunch box and water bottle as it takes time trying to match water bottles to the correct child during lunch time. We want to avoid children drinking out of someone else's bottle! It would be very helpful if names would be on the OUTSIDE of the lunch boxes.

### Chocolate, Sweets & Healthy Eating

As we are a **Nut-Free** setting, please ensure that your children do not have any items in their lunch boxes that contain nuts including any chocolate spread. We encourage healthy eating, So please be thoughtful and keep your child's lunch box healthy, nut free with maybe **ONE small treat!**

Future Committee Meetings

Thursday, 2nd May 2024 - 6:30pm via Zoom



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## Last Day of Term

Our last regular day of term is Thursday, 18th July.

All 'graduates' leaving Feltwell Playgroup to start Primary School will be invited to have a graduation morning on Friday, 19th July 2024. On that day we would like to invite parents and siblings to join us at Feltwell Playgroup for a morning of fun activities.

We will start at 9:30am and will finish by 11:30am.

The morning will start with fun activities for you to take part with your child, followed by a short presentation and giving graduation certificates.

## Our Staff

Please find below the list of staff from Feltwell Playgroup:

June ~ Manager	Jon ~ Chairman
Carolyn ~ Deputy Manager	Lisa ~ Treasurer
Emily ~ Early Years Practitioner	Merle ~ Secretary
Emma ~ Early Years Practitioner	Joe ~ Trustee
Kerry ~ Early Years Practitioner	Anne ~ Trustee
Kirsty ~ Early Years Practitioner	Chris ~ Trustee
Rebecca ~ Early Years Practitioner	
Merle ~ Administrator	

## Late Collection Fee

Please note in line with our policies, if you are late picking up your child by more than 5 minutes (therefore after 11:35am, 12:35pm or 3:05pm), we will charge a late fee. Our drop off times are 9am to 9:10am, and 12:30pm to 12:40pm. If you arrive after these times, your child will not be able to attend these sessions.

## Approaching Staff outside Playgroup

While we understand that some parents are friends with members of staff, we kindly ask you to find out about your child at Playgroup only during staff working hours and only via our phone number, email or Tapestry. Staff are not permitted to discuss any progress or development outside their working hours or on their personal devices.

## Sessions from September 2024

We are currently receiving a lot of enquiries and are almost at capacity for any sessions for September 2024. If you would like to change your child's hours or know of anyone who is looking for childcare for the next school year, please make sure to get in touch with us as soon as possible.

### Term Dates

Half-Term: 27th to 31st May 2024

Summer Holidays: 19th July\* - 3rd Sep. 2024 (first day back is Wednesday, 4th Sep)

\*the last day of term is Thursday, 18th July, unless your child leaves Playgroup to start Primary School. All graduates will be invited to have a graduation morning on Friday, 19th July 2022

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### Thanks for your Patience

We would like to thank all families for standing so patiently on the playground in the mornings. Please remember not to allow your children to play on the equipment while you wait and not to cross the barrier.

### Medicine & Illness

Children who have been given medicine like Calpol, Ibuprofen, cough medicine etc should not attend Playgroup.

If your child is not well enough to attend without this kind of medication, please do not send them in. Our complete Illness Table can be found here: <https://www.feltwellplaygroup.com/info>

### Paying Fees

Please remember that fees must be paid in advance of sessions attended. As per the policy, fees are now expected to be paid at least a half-term in advance. However, in some circumstances, it can be arranged for fees to be paid weekly. If your child is absent (half fees are payable in this instance) then any money remaining from what has been paid in advance will be credited to your account.

### No Accessories

Please ensure your child does not wear any accessories to Playgroup. This is to avoid choking and breaking of the item.

### Tapestry Journal

We like sharing your child's learning and experiences at Playgroup with you and we hope that you enjoy receiving these regular updates via *Tapestry*. If you have any questions about using your child's online learning journal on *Tapestry* please speak to your child's keyworker or send us an email. We love learning about what your children do at home, too. *Tapestry* can also be used for this or, of course, you can always fill in a High 5 slip with your child's achievement or news for them to bring in and share with us!

### Mobile Phones on Premises

For safeguarding reasons please DO NOT use your mobile phone whilst on the Playgroup premises, this includes the playground areas, unless you have been given permission by the Manager.

Your co-operation is much appreciated. Whilst we appreciate you sometimes wanting to take pictures of your child/ren, we would request that you take them once you have left the premises so that you don't accidentally photograph another child.

### Absent Child

We will get in touch with you via text message or phone call if your child is absent for two of their consecutive days without having informed us at Playgroup why they are not attending. This is to make sure you and your child are ok.

Future Events

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## Lending Library

We would like to invite and encourage you all to use our lending library which has returned for the summer term.

We have a selection of books and some story bags that you can borrow for a day, a week, a month or as long as you need it! All we ask is that it is eventually returned so someone else can enjoy it.

Reading a book with your child is a wonderful way to share a special moment together. Listening to a story, looking at the pictures and asking simple questions will boost your child's understanding and communication skills and start a love of books which will enable them to become life long readers!

Please feel free to share pictures of your child enjoying one of the book's via Tapestry, we would love to see them!

## Early Collection

If needed we can accommodate an earlier collection for your child in the afternoon. We are aware we have some families that need to do the school run in Hockwold. To make this possible we allow the child to be collected from Playgroup at 2:30pm. Please note the collection time is either 2:30pm or 3pm and nothing in between.

## Any Questions?

If there are any questions you may have or if there is anything you would like to talk about (child related or not), please know that we are always here for you. You can speak to any member of staff or send an email if you prefer. We will try our best to help and support you in any way. Please be assured that any conversation will be kept confidential.

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## Once Summer Arrives

Once the weather gets warm, and we hope that will be soon, all children need to bring in name labelled sun cream and name labelled water bottles to keep at Playgroup (if your child doesn't already have one).

Please make sure they are wearing appropriate clothing for the summer: no strappy vest tops as they are a sunburn risk, sturdy shoes which can be removed and put back on again by the child (this will help with going in and out the sand house), no open toed sandals for safety.

We will let you know once we feel it's time to prepare for warmer temperatures.

## Photographs & Videos

Please be reminded that it is not allowed to take any photos or videos whilst on Playgroup premises.

## Help at no Cost

We've registered with *easyfundraising* and we need your help at no cost to you at all! *easyfundraising* is a great website where you can help Feltwell Playgroup raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 4,000 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too!

We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at:

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