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NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2020

What are we up to at Playgroup

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.

What about at home

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!

Welcome back! And Hello to all new starters. Though we are sad to see some of the older children leave and move on to school, we are happy to have helped them on their way to new adventures and we wish them every success. We are also happy to welcome new children to Playgroup and hope both they, and their families, are settling in well with us.

Did you know that our Playgroup is a committee led setting? This means that in order for us to open our doors each day we need to have a committee Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary as well as other committee members. We cannot run our setting without a committee.

Anyone is welcome to join this year's AGM (Annual General Meeting) where we will share what we have been up to during this past year. We would like to invite you to join us on Thursday, 15th October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom to see if this would be something you would like to do! Whether you would like to have a more involved role or simply join our committee as an interested parent ... we really cannot do it without you. Meetings take place 3-4 times per year with a lot of our communication done electronically. If you have any questions about the committee and what we do then please ask as we would love to welcome you and your ideas for making Playgroup as successful as we can be! If you would like to join the Zoom AGM, please let us know so we can confirm the details to access the call.

Warm, Spare and Labelled Clothes

Please ensure your child is sent in warm clothing and coats as we will be spending much time outside. Please could you ensure that your child wears and has spare clothes that are ok to get dirty from playing each day and that the clothes (along with lunch boxes and any other items your child may bring) are labelled with your child's name (whatever you might have to hand!).

Dropping off and Collecting your Child

Thank you to all parents and children for adapting to the new way of arriving and leaving the Playgroup. We feel it is working very well.

Term Dates

Half-Term: 22nd—30th October 2020

Christmas Holidays: 21st December 2020—1st January 2021

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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 only a small treat! **Please make sure to send healthy food your child will actually eat!**

This web link has lots of great suggestions<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

Our Staff

Please find below the list of staff from Feltwell Playgroup:

Staff:

June ~ Manager

Carolyn ~ Deputy Manager

Debbie ~ Deputy Manager

Emily ~ Early Years Practitioner

Emma ~ Early Years Practitioner

Gemma ~ Early Years Practitioner

Merle ~ Administrator

Kirsty ~ Cleaner

Committee (Voluntary):

Sam ~ Chairman

Lisa ~ Treasurer

Merle ~ Secretary

Joe ~ Trustee

Matt ~ Trustee

Covid-19

You have received our information regarding Covid-19 related items. Please be so kind and follow our guidelines.

The latest guidance states that anyone who has ANY of the 3 COVID symptoms MUST self isolate and arrange a test. The symptoms are a high temperature, a new persistent cough or a change in taste or smell. If you or anyone in your household has these symptoms please do not bring your child to Playgroup.

Please also find enclosed our Policy on Communicable Diseases.

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.

Our fees from September 2020 are £4 per hour. This means AM and PM session will cost £10, lunch is £4 so £24 for a whole day.

Keyworker or Vulnerable

Please can you let us know if you consider yourself a critical keyworker and/or if anyone in your household is vulnerable or may require shielding if there was a case at Playgroup! This information will assist us to support your child's care needs and help find alternative care, if another lockdown was to occur.

Uniforms

MyClothing is the company where uniforms can be purchased or you can buy them directly from Playgroup. Simply go to this website and type in Feltwell Playgroup. You then have lots of different options to choose from www.myclothing.com Please note that uniforms are optional, but very welcome.

Future Events:

Feltwell Playgroup AGM: Thursday, 15 October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

Feltwell Playgroup's Policy on Communicable Diseases

	EXCLUSIONS/RESTRICTIONS	NOTES
Athletes foot	None, but socks must be worn	Dry between toes after bathing. Apply fungicidal powder.
Chicken pox	Exclusion for at least 5 days after spots first appear or until spots become dry	Infection confers long immunity. Second attacks are rare.
Cold sores	None	Good personal hygiene can minimise transfer of infectious material.
Conjunctivitis "Pink eye"	Exclusion until eye no longer inflamed or 'runny' - medical treatment and / or advice should be sought	Very infectious while eye is inflamed - good personal hygiene can minimise infection transfer.
Covid-19	If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 (new persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell) they must NOT attend Playgroup. Parents should contact 111 to arrange a test and keep the child at home until results come through. Please inform Playgroup that your child is absent due to COVID-19 symptoms. If the test results show negative the child may return to Playgroup if well enough to do so. If the test is positive the child should isolate at home for 10 days (or until well, depending on severity) and their household should isolate for 14 days.	
Gastroenteritis (Diarrhoea & / or vomiting)	<u>Exclusion until 48 hours after the last symptoms have stopped.</u>	
Glandular fever	Exclusion until clinically well	Particularly infectious during period of acute illness but sometimes longer.
Hand foot & mouth	Exclusion until 24 hours after treatment ends	Good lavatory hygiene important for 2 months after illness.
Head lice	If live lice are found, exclusion for 24 hours and treatment must be started	Treatment and combing with a lice comb recommended for all members of the family.
Hepatitis A "Yellow Jaundice"	Exclusion until 1 week after jaundice appears plus clinically well	Scrupulous hand washing after lavatory use and regular cleaning of WC's will help prevent spread. Your local HPT will advise on control measures
Hepatitis B, C, HIV	None	Hepatitis B and C and HIV are blood borne viruses that are not infectious through casual contact. Contact your local HPT for more advice
Influenza "Flu"	Exclusion until well	Immunisation available for certain vulnerable groups e.g. asthma/diabetes/heart or kidney disease.
Impetigo	Exclusion for 48 hours after antibiotic treatment commences & lesions should be covered	Medical treatment, covering lesions and personal hygiene are important.

Please note that our policy on exclusions may differ from advice given by your GP.
If we feel that your child is not well enough to be in the setting, or that they may be a health risk to others attending you will be asked to take them home.

Feltwell Playgroup's Policy on Communicable Diseases continued

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Measles	Exclusion for 5 days after rash appears and until well	Unimmunised persons can usually be vaccinated successfully if within 3 days of contact.
Meningitis & Meningococcal Disease	Until recovered	Advice should be sought at an early stage from the local HPU.
Mumps	Exclusion until swelling has subsided	Preventable by vaccination with 2 doses of MMR.
Ringworm	Exclusion until treatment has started	Pets and farm animals may be a source of infection.
Rubella "German Measles"	Exclusion for 7 days after onset of rash	Preventable by vaccination with 2 doses of MMR.
Scabies	Exclusion until 24 hours after treatment starts	The mites make tiny burrows in the skin which itch intensely, especially at night. Household and close contacts require treatment at the same time.
Scarlet fever & Scarletina	Exclusion until 48 hours after start of antibiotic treatment	A person is infectious for 2-3 weeks if antibiotics are not administered
Slapped face disease "Fifth disease"	Exclusion until clinically well	"Slapped face" appearance on cheeks followed a day or so later by a lace like rash on body.
Threadworms	Infectious until treatment. Exclusion until treatment started.	Good hygiene and adequate treatment are essential. Eggs can be transferred to mouth on fingers if the anus is scratched. Treatment recommended for child and household.
Tonsillitis	Until recovered	There are many causes, but most cases are due to viruses and do not need an antibiotic treatment.
Tuberculosis (TB)	Always consult your local HPT BEFORE disseminating information to staff/parents/carers	Only pulmonary (lung) TB is infectious to others. Needs close, prolonged contact to spread.
Verrucae and warts	Infectious while lesions are visible. No exclusion but socks must be worn.	Usually disappear spontaneously. If pain on walking medical advice should be sought.
Whooping Cough	Exclusion for 3 weeks from onset. If treated with antibiotics, child can return after 5 days but only if well	If outbreak occurs, under 5's should not be admitted unless known to be immunised. Preventable by vaccination. After treatment, non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks. Your local HPT will organise any contact tracing.

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