

NEWSLETTER

Monday 7th June 2021

Themes for this half term

Our overarching theme for the Summer term is people who help us, and helping ourselves. This is a great way for the children to explore self-help skills in readiness for school and also helps them to learn about other people and occupations. Coming in the front door and looking after their own belongings is a really vital skill for school, so if your child is keen to have a go coming in on their own, please do give it a try. We'll use the green room door at the bottom of the ramp again now there is a lot of scaffolding up and there may be some disruption in the church foyer. You are still welcome to come in if needed, but we will be using the same door for entry and exit.

Sports Day Friday 16th July

Assuming Covid restrictions lift as planned, we will be having a normal Friday morning session followed by sports day and leavers ceremony. There will be no extended afternoon session, instead we invite you to bring a picnic lunch for your child to eat after sports day. Playschool will end at 12.10, and the sports day and picnic will be parent supervised. Children who don't attend Fridays will be invited to join us from 12.10 with parent supervision. We expect the whole thing to end around 1.15pm. We'll confirm full details once the 21st June covid review is confirmed.

Photographer visit

Please remember to return your proofs and orders this week.

Summer Term at Peter Pan

Please send your child with a reasonable sized snack as we're finding some of the older children are getting quite hungry where they're enjoying more physical play outside. They're welcome to bring some fruit/vegetables, cheese and crackers. Whatever they might eat home as a healthy mid-morning snack.

As the weather is warming up, please put sun cream on your child before arriving. If your child is attending the extended session and may need a top-up, please provide a named bottle of sun cream in their bag and let them know it's there as we'll ask if anyone has sun cream to top up before heading into the garden after lunch. Please also send them with a sun hat and a drink of water.

Peter Pan Playschool AGM

We'll be holding our Peter Pan AGM on Thursday 2nd July from 7.30 at playschool (hopefully indoors). All parents are welcome to attend to get an overview of what we've achieved over the year, and also an opportunity to thank the committee members, and vote in any new members. Coming to the meeting doesn't mean you have to join the committee, so please do join us! To let us know you're coming, or to find out a bit more if you're able to join the team of helpers, please speak to Monika (Jake's Mum) peterpancommittee@gmail.com

Funded Sessions

If you qualify for 30 hours, don't forget to re-confirm your eligibility when requested to do so to ensure it continues for September. If you're not sure, but think you may qualify for the extended hours, please have a look here to find out more.

<u>www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</u> Most families where both parents work are eligible for the additional hours. You need to register in good time for September or you may not receive the funding until the January term.

Covid Update

As ever, please do keep your child at home if they are unwell, and if they have any possible Covid symptoms or have been a close contact of someone with Covid please do follow the official guidance of self-isolating and getting tested.

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

If you've been abroad at all during the half term break, please make sure you check the updated guidance on self-isolating on return.

The Surrey Early Years team have asked us to share information regarding a possible increase in cases of bronchiolitis in babies and young children. There is a concern that where children haven't been mixing as much, their immunity may be lower so this could make them more unwell than usual.

- As COVID-19 cases drop and we start socialising again other viruses are rising
- Bronchiolitis is a very common virus spread the same way as COVID-19 and most babies get better on their own but a small number of babies can become very unwell
- To help keep your baby well, regularly wash their hands and toys and make space from those who have coughs and colds which can lead to bronchiolitis in babies
- If you have any concerns about your baby please contact your GP or call 111

Absence

If your child is going to miss a playschool session or arrive later than 9.30 we would appreciate it you could either text or phone us to let us know, particularly if they are off with something contagious, then we can inform the other parents what to keep an eye out for.

If we don't hear from you, we are legally obliged to try and contact you under statutory safeguarding regulations. If we are unable to contact you, we will call those listed on your registration forms. If we are still unable to reach you, Surrey CC guidelines dictate that we must contact the local police as we have a duty of care to ensure your child is safe and well. To avoid any embarrassing and awkward situations for any of us, we really do appreciate a quick text, whatsapp or phone call to confirm your child's absence. **Playschool Phone: 07908 018924**

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