

SEPTEMBER 2021

Peter Pan's Press

We're really looking forward to the start of the new term and school year, and hope you're all enjoying the summer so far! A reminder that Monday 6th September is a stay and play session for the new starters only, from 10-11am, and then playschool resumes as normal for all children from Tuesday 7th.

Childcare Choices

We'll be continuing to welcome the children through the green room which is accessed half way down the ramp towards the main doors. We'll open the door at 9.10 and if you'll be arriving after 9.20 please do let us know so we can close the door and get the staff in the main room with the children as quickly as possible. The new starters may need a little time to settle, and you're very welcome to stay as long as you need, and returning children equally may feel a little unsettled to start with, so please don't feel under pressure to rush off if your child needs you to stay a few minutes.

Please don't forget to have a look at the Childcare Choices website in case you qualify for the 30 hours extended childcare if your child is 3 before the end of August and both parents work, or a lone parent works. If you miss the deadline of the end of August, you won't qualify until January and may be liable for additional fees if your child attends more than 15 hours www.childcarechoices.gov.uk For those children who are funded, we'll be handing out funding declaration forms in the first week of term and we'll need these returned as soon as possible.

Due to the changes in Government Covid measures, face coverings are no longer mandatory indoors, apart from when mixing in busy spaces. Staff may choose to wear face coverings at drop off and pick up time for their own peace of mind, and if we have several parents settling children at drop off, you may like to wear one yourself for added protection. We're really proud of the fact we haven't lost a day of playschool since we re-opened after lockdown 1, and this has been brought about by our robust risk assessments, enhanced hygiene and cleaning regimes as well staff and children staying home when they've been unwell in any way.

We are hoping to re-introduce the parent rota now restrictions are lifted, so please do let us know if you're able to pop in and help with the washing up/playing with the children - we'll wait until we're all settled back in before we formally re-introduce this and ask you to continue to follow the guidelines of not attending if you are unwell in any way.

New Starters: Please bring along proof of age (birth certificate or passport) for your child for the stay and play session or their first session so we can confirm their eligibility to register.



Information

We will continue to plan weekly themes around the children's interests and will share this in the weekly newsletters. When we first return, our loose theme will be settling into playschool and our families.

We will be displaying our family tree wall display, and it would be lovely to have all the children and their families represented on here - please either bring in or email a small photo of your child and their immediate family. They really enjoy showing us the photo's of their parents and siblings. If you speak any additional languages at home and would like us to support your child using any particular words, please do let us know as it all really helps with getting to know each other and settling in.

Don't forget we're hosting our quiz night on Saturday 25th September - for further information please see the attached flier or contact the committee on peterpancommittee@gmail.com

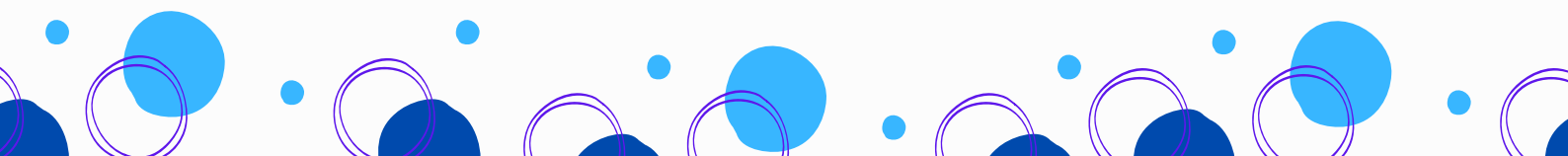
Garden - Please remember we use the garden every day, rain or shine, so please send your child with appropriate clothing and ideally a pair of wellies.

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle each session, as well as a mid-morning snack - ideally some fruit or vegetables and some like to bring cheese and crackers too.

Contact Information - if your child won't be attending a session, please do let us know either by phoning or sending us a text or Whatsapp message on 07908018924. If your child is unwell, please do let us know the cause so we can let other parents know any symptoms to look out for, and in the case of sickness and diarrhoea children may not attend until at least 48 hours since their last bout.

Coronavirus - please keep your child home if they have any covid symptoms, and continue to follow the Government guidance around self-isolation www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/

We'll be placing a uniform order on Friday 27th August - if you'd like to make an order please see the attached uniform information. We can order later in the term, but if you'd like items for the start of term, please let us know what you'd like as soon as possible.





Staffing

Monday am – Louise, Valerie, Michelle, Kelly, Venita

Monday pm - Valerie, Michelle, Kelly, Sarah

Tuesday – Louise, Valerie, Gemma, Vanessa, Jo

Wednesday – Louise, Michelle, Kelly, Venita, Vanessa

Thursday am – Valerie, Gemma, Vanessa, Kelly, Jo

Thursday pm - Valerie, Kelly, Sarah, Michelle

Friday am – Louise, Valerie, Michelle, Kelly, Rachel

Friday pm – Louise, Valerie, Michelle, Sarah

Louise, Playschool Manager and SENCO – Level 4 Advanced Early Years Practitioner, worked at Peter Pan for 15 years

Valerie, Curriculum Manager – Level 3 Early Years Practitioner, worked at Peter Pan for 9 years

Gemma, Designated Safeguarding Lead & H& S lead, Level 3 Early Years Practitioner, worked at Peter Pan for 22 years

Vanessa - Level 3 Early Years Practitioner, worked at Peter Pan for 11 years

Michelle, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - Teaching & Learning BA Honours, worked at Peter Pan 3.5 years

Jo - BA in Primary Education, worked at Peter Pan for almost 3 years

Kelly, Health and Safety Lead – Level 3 Early Years Practitioner, worked at Peter Pan for almost 3 years

Venita, SENCO – Level 2 Early Years Practitioner, worked at Peter Pan for 2 years

Rachel – Level 3 Early Years Practitioner, worked at Peter pan for 1 year

Sarah – Playschool Assistant, worked at Peter Pan for 1 year





The Friends of Peter Pan Playschool

The Friends of Peter Pan have a vital role to support the staff with the leadership and decision making as well as fundraising. Thank you to the new committee for volunteering; without you Peter Pan could not run. For your information, the parent committee for this year is:

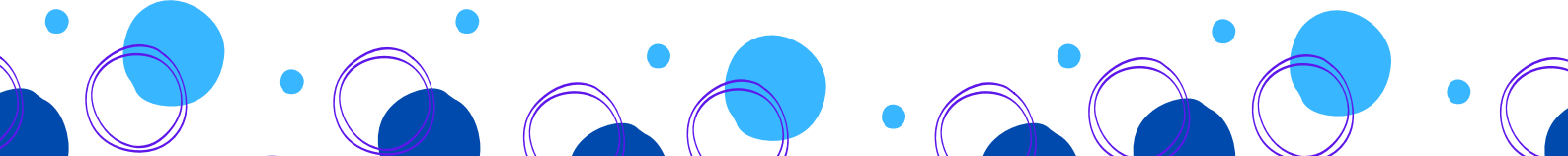
Rose Grover (Lucas) Chair

Tamsyn Barham (William) Vice Chair

Rebecca Barford (Samuel) Secretary

Graeme Self (Lily) Treasurer

The Friends will be in touch at the start of term to confirm when our next meeting will be held, and all parents and carers are welcome to attend. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. The support the Friends provide is a big part of why we can keep our fees so competitive.





Term Dates

2021-2022

(please note the start of Spring term has changed from the provisional dates to be in line with Surrey FEE funding dates)

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September - induction morning for new starters
Tuesday 7th September - Friday 22nd October

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October Half Term

Monday 1st November - Friday 10th December
(Friday 10th December - Nativity play and Christmas party)

Spring Term 2022

Monday 10th January - Friday 11th February

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February Half Term

Monday 21st February - 1st April

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June Half Term

Monday 6th June - Friday 15th July
(Friday 15th July - sports day and picnic)

