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**Term Dates**

Bank Holiday Mon 5th May

Half-Term Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May

Proposed Sports day Weds 4th June PM

Bags for school’s collection Tues 17th June AM

Last **full** day Tues 17th July

Playgroup **AM** Session and School Starters Party **PM** Weds 16th July

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**Looking forward to the rest of this half term**

Next week we will read the story **‘Little Sunflower’.** We will learn about the life cycle of a sunflower and what plants need to help them grow. The children will use their physical skills to plant their sunflowers, and use mathematical language – 2 scoops of soil, 1 seed. How tall will it grow? We will investigate the life cycles on the iPad and watch the growth of a sunflower. Also, this week the children will use musical instruments to explore different sounds and sing songs.

We will then be reading the story **‘Paper Dolls’.** The children will talk about emotions and feelings and play games, such as pass the emotion, in a group. The children will use their physical skills to cut paper dolls and use mark making skills to draw on them. The children will make up their own rhymes and songs. We will talk to children about memories and things we remember. We will draw pictures of their favourite memories. We will also play memory games with different objects.

We will then read the story **‘The Dot’.** The children will take part in lots of free choice mark making activities. We will encourage the children to experiment with mark making and use their imaginations to talk about what they have drawn. Drawing in lots of different ways and challenging the children to add to their marks. Drawing around objects and exploring size.

The last story we will be reading this half term is **‘My Body has a Bubble’.** The children will learn about personal space and people that are special to them. The children will make bubble wands out of pipe cleaners and create large bubbles around ourselves.

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| *C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\EDB36EE6.tmp*  Bag2School is a **free eco-friendly fundraising scheme** that helps schools, businesses, community groups, local councils, and charities **raise funds through textile recycling** as well as spreading textile recycling awareness.  **Date of Collection** Tuesday 17th June @Playgroup AM  Please Bring your bags to playgroup on this morning (we can store bags before if needed)  **Items collected are:**  **Clothes**  **Paired shoes**  **Handbags**  **Hats**  **Bags**  **Scarves and ties**  **Bras**  **Jewellery**  **Socks**  **Belts** |

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| C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\9F06D1C2.tmp  **Proposed date** (weather dependant) **Wednesday 4th June 1:30pm – 3:00pm**  @school field  All children and parents/family invited.  (More information to follow) |

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| **Important date Information**  **Tuesday 15th July** is playgroup’s last **FULL** day  **Wednesday 16th July**  Our Wednesday playgroup session is open until **1PM** (if you child is not starting school in September they will need to be collected at 1PM) Bring lunch as normal.  1:30PM – 3:30 PM School *Starters party* @playgroup (more information to follow)  Note: If your child is a school starter and they normally attend all day they still can. |

**Summer Clothing**

We are hoping for warmer/sunnier weather over the next term.

Please can we ask the children wear shoes with a secure back (sensible shoes for running and playing).

Please can we ask that children’s shoulders are covered.

Please can children ensure they bring a spare change of clothes.

**Sun cream**

**Please check the weather forecast before your child comes to their session**. **If hot sunny weather is forecast, please apply sun cream.**

If you child is here all day, we will reapply.

We do supply sun cream at playgroup but we do ask for a £1 contribution.

Alternately please send in a labelled bottle of sun cream which we will use for your child.

**NHS Recommendations -** a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30, to protect against UVB at least 4-star UVA protection

**Bringing items into playgroup**

Please can we ask that children do not bring in too many unnecessary items to playgroup, especially anything very precious or very small. Unfortunately, these items can get lost or broken which results in upset children.

**Jewellery at playgroup**

For health and safety reasons can we ask that children do not wear lots of unnecessary jewellery at playgroup.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. If you have any questions please speak to a member of staff.

      

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