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April Newsletter



'Wow' we are now in our final term for this academic year! We have lots of exciting learning planned.

This half term we will be learning all about transport - 'Land, Air and Sea'.

This week, the children will make hot air balloons out of paper plates and cups. We will use mixed media to create their own patterns on the balloons. We will explore height and weight and discover how hot air balloons work. Next, we will be making aeroplanes out of tubes. We will fly them across lengths of string, comparing lengths and exploring gravity and speed by experimenting with the height of the string. We will then learn about old fashioned transport including horse and carriages.

As we move into May, we will celebrate the Kings coronation by taking part in craft activities and making snacks for picnics. The children will make their own healthy sandwiches.

We will look at money and counting coins. The children will explore factual books about the royal family



Our role plays this half term are:

Outside - a Mechanics and a Carwash

Inside - An Aeroplane

Our Learning intentions this half term

- Learning about a range of transport, extending vocabulary.
- Learn about different transport in different environments e.g. city, country side,
- Learn about different occupations
- Learn how different transport works

We would like say a few BIG THANKS YOUS!!

Firstly, for supporting our playgroup disco, we all had lots of fun and we will be arranging another one in the future.

Secondly, for everyone who sent in donations during our donation's month.

Thirdly, to everyone who supported our Easter fundraising games. Altogether, we raised £150. After talking with the children, we have decided to buy some outdoor resources, including some new balls, a football goal and shooting hoop.

Tapestry

Please remember to look at your child's online tapestry journal. Staff have just completed children's summary of learning for last term, these are under the reports section, reports **cannot** be accessed via the Tapestry app. Please log in via the website, to view a report - click on the menu and then onto reports. Please do take time to read your child's report and sign them.

If you need any support with this please ask a member of staff.

School places

All parents of children starting school in September, should now know which school their child has been allocated, if you have any questions please speak to a member of our team.

Suitable clothing

Jewellery and footwear

Please can we discourage children from wearing jewellery to playgroup (Unless it is for a medical or religious reason). Please ensure that children wear suitable footwear to playgroup that they can be active in. We do ask that children do not wear wellies as a shoe all day. With hopefully the sunnier weather approaching, we ask that children wear footwear with a supportive back (not flip flops).

Sun cream and sun hats

We encourage children to bring in a named sunhat for the hotter months. Children can either bring in their own labelled sun cream to leave at playgroup, or for a £1 contribution they can use playgroups'. If you would like to use playgroups' please either bring in £1 or BACS it over.

Items/toys from home

We welcome children to bring in things/items that they want to share and show; but can we ask that children do not bring in any unnecessary items, especially things that are really small, big or precious. This is because, firstly, we have lots of resources at playgroup; and secondly, things can unfortunately get lost or broken, and this can lead to very upset children.

We encourage children to put items in their bag at the end of the session, artwork, etc., so please make sure there is room to do this.

Cutting foods

A reminder that foods such as blueberries, cherry tomatoes and grapes must be cut half sideways. Also, it was advised at our recent first aid training that sausages including cocktail sausages are also cut in half sideways.

Visits sharing skills and talents

Throughout the next term we would like to invite in any parents/family members to come into playgroup and share a skill, talent or spent some time with us. This could be

Showing/talking to us about your occupation

Sharing a musical talent

Sport

Bringing in a pet

Sharing travel

Sharing/showing a collection

Or it could be coming in and reading a/some stories with the children

Or anything you would like to share with us

If you would like to arrange a time to come in please speak to your child's key person to arrange a time.

Library books

A reminder for children to use our playgroup library system, bring their book back in their book bag and they can choose a new book to take home.

Staff training

Kelly and Sam have updated their *Paediatric First Aid Training*

Sam, Harri, Anna, Charlotte and Roxy have updated their *Food Hygiene Training*

All staff are completing a *Behaviour Course*

Kelly has completed *Safer Requirement training*

Sam and Roxy have completed *Language Development training*

Kelly has attended a *Manager's Network meeting*

Anna has attended a *SENCO Network meeting*

Gemma is returning to work next week after her maternity leave, we are really looking forward to having her back in the team. Gemma will be working 3 days a week - Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays.

School leavers photo

Our School leavers group photo will be on Friday 12th May from 8:30 am. If your child does not attend but would like to, please let a member of staff know.

Reminders

Illness

Unfortunately, there are lots of illnesses around at the moment, so please can we again ask that you do not send your child to playgroup if they are unwell and need Calpol before attending. If children are unwell we will be asking you to come and collect them.

Your child should not attend playgroup if they have a stomach bug and they **MUST NOT** return until 48 hours have passed after the last loose movement or vomit.

This is to protect our playgroup community.

Mobile Phones

It is part of our Safeguarding policy that mobile phones should not be used on the playgroup premises. This includes coming down the pathway to drop and collect children.

Spaces in sessions

We have a few spaces left in our sessions, if you would like to increase your child's sessions please speak to your child's key person.

We are also taking bookings for September 2023 onwards.

Keeping yourself up to date

Have a look at our website, follow the link www.strattonplaygroup.uk which is kindly supported by Budesolutions.uk.

"Like" and follow our Facebook page - please find us at "Stratton Playgroup Bude"

Monthly newsletters - emailed.

Letters in children's drawers (we encourage children to check them at the end of each session).

Emails and text messages

Term Dates

Start of Summer Term 2023

Mon 17th April

Bank Holiday

Mon 1st May

Extra Bank Holiday

Mon 8th May

Leavers photo

Friday 12th May

Half-Term

Fri 26th May-Fri 2nd June

Long Weekend

Fri 23rd-Mon 26th June

Last Day of term

Thurs 20th July

Leavers Party

Fri 21st July

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter

Kelly and the team



