



# Stratton Playgroup

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## Newsletter - November 2022



We are already in the second half of the Autumn term and we have lots of fun things planned!

Our topic for this half term is 'The Night Sky' and the children will be taking part in lots of fun activities around this theme.

During half term, Roxy and Charlotte set up a lovely new rocket role play area for the children to explore and enjoy.

This week the children have been enjoying creating fun firework pictures and we have been talking about safety when using sparklers and watching fireworks.

The children have also learnt about Diwali and made Rangoli patterns with chalk.

Next week the children will be learning about Remembrance Day and making some poppy craft.

We will be making telescopes and looking through binoculars to see how different objects look closer up, and compare distance and size. The children will use the iPad to learn about the different phases of the moon.

The children will learn about nocturnal animals and their habitats and learn how to care for the environment to help keep animals safe



### Book focuses this term

Whatever Next - baby bear travels into space

The Secret Forest - a look and see story

As well as some non-fiction books containing facts about our topic

### Christmas cards

As Christmas approaches the children will be designing Christmas cards, this was really popular last year and helped to raise funds. Next week the children will be bringing home their fundraising Christmas cards designs and details of how to order the cards will be sent home but you can also see what other products are available with their design at [www.fundraisinggallery.co.uk](http://www.fundraisinggallery.co.uk)

### Photographs

If you would like to purchase your child's photo, please hand back the form to playgroup or reply direct to Jayne by the deadline stated on your order form.

### Christmas Fayre

This will be held at Playgroup on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the evening. More details to follow soon.

Your child will be making tea light candle holders which will be available to purchase at the Christmas Fayre.

### Bags 2 School

Thank you to everyone that donated bags of clothes. Playgroup received £40 to go towards buying new equipment for the children.

### Reminders

As the weather is growing colder and wetter could we ask that all children bring a waterproof coat and wellies with them. We still spend time outdoors throughout the day and the children enjoy playing in the puddles and exploring the school woods, walking through the fallen leaves and squelching in the mud.

### Children in Need

This year's theme is 'spotacular' and on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November the children will be invited to wear spots and we will provide face paints and lots fun spotty activities.

### AGM

Our AGM took place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. If you were unable to attend but would like more information on joining our committee, please speak to a member of staff.

### Uniform

Non-compulsory uniform t-shirts, can be purchased for your child, please speak to a member of staff to purchase one or have any questions.

## School applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 you will need to apply for a school place for September 2023. **The deadline for applications is 15 January 2023.** <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>



## Term Dates

Children in Need	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas card deadline	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Fayre	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Last Day of term	Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Party	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Start of Spring Term 2023	Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Half-Term	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Last Day of term	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Start of Summer Term 2023	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Leavers photo	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Half-Term	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May-Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Long Weekend	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> -Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Last Day of term	Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers Party	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July