



Stratton Playgroup

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Planning

We have really enjoyed being back at playgroup, the children are settling in well and spending lots of time exploring all the activities on offer. The children have particularly enjoyed walks in the school woods, visiting the bike track, snack time and painting outside and sharing stories in our new reading shed. We are continuing with our topic '**Learning about me and my friends**', we will be making family trees and a range of different Autumn crafts.

Tapestry

Tapestry is not a statutory requirement for early years settings, but this is something we offer and our team do take the time to upload photos/observations of children to allow you to see and be more involved in your child's playgroup journey, we aim to put at least one observation on every two weeks.

To view a report - click on the menu and then onto reports, you **CANNOT** view reports on the Tapestry app - you will need to log in via the website.

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

Parents of children who have started with us this year

You have all now been sent a tapestry activation email, if you have not received this please speak to your child's key person.

Reminders

Our Early Starts include breakfast

The children will be offered -

A range of fruits, cereals, yoghurts and toast (waffles and pancakes may also be offered on occasions, and we will take part in some voting with the children to see their preferences).

The early starts open from 8.15am and all children who are attending must be in the playgroup by 8.30am at the latest.

The session will cost £3.40 (the cost will be the same with or without breakfast), the cost of early starts can be covered by your funding - one early start will use $\frac{3}{4}$ hour of your funding.

We would appreciate it if these sessions can be booked in advance, but we do have some flexibility if you need to book in at the last minute.

Spaces in sessions

We do currently have some spaces available in our sessions, if you would like to increase your child's sessions, please speak to a member of staff.

Labelled Belongings

Please can we ask that children bring a coat and bag to playgroup each day they attend. To include - spare clothes, weather dependent clothing e.g. gloves, hats - **a labelled water bottle**, and for children that require toileting accessories; nappies, wipes and any other items needed. We suggest that children have a pair of wellies to leave at playgroup. **Please can all children's belongings be clearly labelled.**

Children bringing items into playgroup.

We don't encourage children to bring in items from home as these can become lost or damaged, and cause upset to the children. If your child has something special that they would like to share, could you please speak to your child's key person before the session.

Attendance

Please ring and let us know if your child will not be attending playgroup for any reason; otherwise, as part of our attendance policy, we will have to ring you.

Please remember that children should not attend playgroup if they have a stomach bug and may not return until 48 hours have passed after the last loose movement or vomit.

School applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you will need to apply for a school place for September 2024. **The deadline for applications is 15 January 2024.**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

Updates

We are very proud of our website, where we display all our information; this will also be updated regularly with events and dates. This is available at: www.strattonplaygroup.uk.

We also have Facebook and Instagram - please find us as "Stratton Playgroup Bude".

Monthly newsletters - these will be emailed to you each month.

At the end of each session a small description of the session will be written on the easel, outside
- weather dependent.

Our next bags for school collection is Wednesday 22nd November.

Term Dates

Half-Term	Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th October
AGM	Weds 1 st November
Bags for school collection	Weds 22 nd November
Last Day	Mon 18 th December
Christmas Party	Tues 19 th December
Start of Spring Term 2024	Thurs 4 th January
Half-Term	Fri 9 th - Fri 16 th February
Last Day	Thurs 29 th March
Start of Summer Term 2024	Mon 15 th April
Bank Holiday	Mon 6 th May
Half-Term	Fri 24 th May - Fri 31 st May
Long Weekend	Fri 21 st - Mon 24 th June
Bags for school collection	Thurs 13 th June
Last Day	Thurs 18 th July
Leavers Party	Fri 19 th July

Thank you for your time in reading this very lengthy newsletter, if you have any questions please speak to a member of staff.

Kelly and all the team 😊

