

JACK AND JILL PLAYGROUP

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NEWSLETTER - TERM 4

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome Parents and children to the Spring Term which has started very wet and chilly with Storm Eunice chasing us!

LEARNING AND PLAY OPPORTUNITIES

We play and learn outdoors even in the colder months and by continuing to develop the use of the outdoors so that your children can investigate and explore their environment and experience how it changes throughout the seasons. Please make sure your child is suitably dressed for indoor and outdoor activities with plenty of layers

We are continuing our learning about other countries and festivals by celebrated St David`s Day learning a little about Wales and St Patricks day for Ireland and of course Mother`s Day at the end of the month. The children are starting to plant and grow vegetables and flowers.



EASTER Happy Easter! ACTIVITIES

I will send home a Spring Hunt checklist for the children to complete during the Easter break, which they can bring back in with some pictures of what they found on their hunt, and we will add to our Spring display.

Farewell!

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

CLAIRE 11th March`22 AND SOPHIE 18th March`22

Sadly, both Claire and Sophie are leaving us for other more exciting adventures, continuing in childcare locally. They have been with us forever and we will miss them both. We wish them every success in their future careers, and they better not forget us!

This leaves us a little short on our usual staffing levels, but Sarah Ward will be returning part-time after the Easter Break and Louise Longland will return in June, both have been on parental leave.

If your child is one of the Sophie or Claire`s key children, their learning journals have been passed to the other staff and they will introduce themselves to you shortly as a keyperson.

Playgroup finishes for Easter on Friday 1st April`22 and we
return Tuesday 19th April`22

Monday 6th June`22 - Parents Open Day - playgroup will be closed for the day and parents will receive invitations to discuss their child's progress/transition to school with keyperson. More information to follow next term.



PLAYGROUP COMMITTEE MEMBERS - NEEDED


ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE`22 at 3:30pm

Unfortunately, we did not have any response from our last request for interested parents to become part of our playgroup committee. Please support us if you can, it is very important that we have new members join whose children attend our playgroup so that they can be involved and take part in decision making regarding their children.

Jack and Jill Playgroup is a charitable childcare business administered by a committee (parents) that provides childcare and education within our local community. Each family of a child attending the provision counts as one member of the playgroup.

Delia works on behalf of the Jack and Jill Playgroup parent committee in a paid position and reports to the chairperson



(currently Diana Rye), to ensure we meet the legal and statutory requirements of our playgroup constitution and manage the day-to-day business of the provision.

The committee hold meetings to give parents the opportunity to vote on any matters of playgroup business, staff employment, policies, and committee member changes.

The current committee officers in the positions of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary will need to be replaced as their children have now left the setting to go on to school. If any parents are interested in supporting our playgroup in this way, please speak to Delia/Sally. We can discuss what each role involves and the personal liability as trustees when they take these roles within the charity. Thank you in advance for your support.

CLOTHING

Please make sure your child is suitably dressed (old clothes) for indoor and outdoor activities with plenty of layers. Reminder please, it is essential that all children must have a bag with a full set of clothes to change. We do not have any spares now, please return borrowed clothing. Children without a change of clothes, parents will be called to bring clothes to the setting. Please name coats, jackets and even shoes just with a biro mark so much easier when chasing down missing items! **Lunch Boxes on the outside please if possible.**

PLEASE PAY FEES ON TIME

We do not have any more availability of sessions now until September`22. If you require additional sessions, we can add your child to the waiting list.

Our sessions are 3 hours at a cost of £13:00 and lunch club £2:50. Fees must be paid on time our policy is no more than 2 weeks in arrears, we will be enforcing our policy of no payment no session if fees are not kept up to date.

DONATIONS PLEASE

Donations of clean recycling egg boxes, tubes, and cereal boxes also if anyone has old tricycles, scooters, outside play equipment we would put it to good use. Thank you.

HEALTH INFORMATION



COVID19 and variants - please refer to current government guidelines regarding testing, isolation as even though these are no longer a legal requirement, we have chosen to follow guidelines to ensure children and staff attending stay healthy.

If you are unsure, please call 119 if you have questions or need help with coronavirus. If you have an urgent medical problem and you are not sure what to do get help from NHS 111 online or call 111.

Staff will continue to test, if positive they will isolate for 5 days and only return to the setting with a negative result. We continue to clean and wipe down high impact areas and wash hands regularly.

If your child has tested positive for COVID, please let us know, ensure that they do not attend playgroup for the isolating period of 5 days and they return to playgroup on a negative test and if they are well. We would also appreciate that if anyone in the household has COVID and your child becomes unwell however mild that they are kept home and tested before returning to playgroup.



PLAYGROUP SICKNESS

Thank you to parents for their continued support in delaying the spread of any infections to the children and practitioners within the setting although we are still getting lots of children unwell.

Please if your child is unwell, continuous runny nose or continuous cough, their immune system may be lowered and then they are at greater risk, so please do not bring them to playgroup. Children will need rest and good hydration at home until they are well again.

Please do not bring children who have had a temperature during the night and required paracetamol/Calpol or any other medication to lower temperature this will wear off very quickly and the children usually tell us!

Do not bring children who have had diarrhoea and or sickness for a clear 48 hours of the last attack.

Do not bring children that have or are recovering from the normal childhood ailments such impetigo, conjunctivitis until they have been treated and are well enough to return.

Please remind your children to wash hands with soap regularly and supervise their hygiene routines more closely at home.

Please telephone, email, text and let us know if your child is not attending playgroup for any reason.

Ensure we have all your up-to-date emergency details, and someone remains contactable while your child is at playgroup.

Thank you for your continued support

Delia/Sally