



JACK AND JILL PLAYGROUP

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NEWSLETTER - TERM 6

Dear Parent/Carers

Just a short newsletter updates before we go into the summer break!

Last day of term for childcare will be Tuesday 19th July`22.

Our older children will be transitioning to school, and we are all doing our part in preparing them for the big move! Transition information has now all been sent out to the children`s relevant schools and we have met some of their teachers, who seem lovely, and we hope the children have enjoyed their taster school days if they have been offered.

Please support your children by encouraging them to listen and follow simple instructions, they will enjoy completing simple tasks such as dressing and putting on shoes, encourage them to be independent with toileting and especially washing hands and hygiene. Talk to the children about school in an excited and positive way, about what to expect, meeting their teachers and making lots of new friends.

REMINDER OF OUR PICK-UP TIMES:

The morning session finishes at 12:00noon. We would appreciate parents waiting until then to pick up children and if it is earlier due to an appointment, that parents let us know.

The afternoon session finishes at 3:30pm, we would appreciate if parents could pick up after 3:15pm.

We like to have circle games and read a story in groups, and early pick up disturbs other children taking part and some of the younger ones find it very confusing.

On the other hand, reminder to parents to pick up on time please!

Little Urchins - Photographer

Graduation photo`s for `Big School` Leavers and all children that took part in the photo session. There is an on-line ordering service for parents wishing to order photo`s details on the proofs handed out.

Goodbye

LEAVERS PARTY - Wednesday 20th July`22

MONKEY BIZZ FUN

Invitations to all our `Big School` children have gone home, we hope that everyone leaving can attend! Please return your forms. Children can be dropped at the centre for 9:30am and picked up at 11:30am. At 11:30am we will hold our `Leavers Presentation` with the children`s learning journals and gift and say our goodbye`s. We wish all the children every success and we will miss every one of them!

SESSION FORMS SEPTEMBER`22

Please complete session forms asap and return for those requiring sessions in September, even if there are no changes to your existing requirements. There are changes to the fees policy and session fee prices in the new term of £14:00 per session which you will need to be aware.

We have new parents and children visiting during the week commencing Monday 4th July`22 to Friday 8th July`22.

We give priority to our existing children so please return so that we know what availability we have to offer them.



PLAYGROUP COMMITTEE MEMBERS - NEEDED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We only had 2 parents turn up for our AGM on the 8th of June`22 so therefore had to void the meeting which could not go ahead

As a charitable committee run playgroup, I cannot stress enough how important that parents attend the AGM and meetings! We require at a minimum of 5 members. Without committee members and parents, we cannot exist and could lead to us closing the playgroup!

I will be sending a direct email to parents of children returning in September`22 asking for their support to arrange another meeting at a convenient day and time in the new term.

If we cannot get enough support, we will have to take advice to how we can continue, we have been a charitable childcare provision in the Strood community for over 30 years and we want to continue to provide affordable childcare and education in the years to come.

Please support us if you can, it is 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/text** 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! **We will mark unnamed items before returning. Any unnamed items left at the end of each term will be recycled.**

PLEASE PAY FEES ON TIME - FEE PAYMENT REVIEW

We do not have any more availability of sessions until September` 22.

In September, our sessions fees will be at a cost of £14:00 and lunch club £2:50. Fees must be paid 2 weeks in advance. Parents will be texted the total for their child`s fees for the term ahead. Then we will invoice on a 2 weekly basis fees due. Child`s fees must be paid by the date on the invoice. If the fees are not paid and are in arrears, your child`s place will not be available until paid up to date.

Amendment to Fees Policy:

Parents can pay weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or half term but all fees must be paid 2 weeks in advance so not to be in arrears.

Fees must be paid on time. We will be enforcing our policy of no payment no session if fees are not kept up to date.



COVID` 19

Staff test for COVID if they feel unwell. If positive, staff will not return to playgroup only returning 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, and ask that they not attend playgroup for 5 days and they may return to playgroup only 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.

PLAYGROUP SICKNESS

Thank you to parents for their continued support in delaying the spread of any infections to the children and practitioners.

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 as 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 this year!

Have a great summer break everyone!

Delia/Sally