# Spring Newsletter 2

Your half-term newsletter from playgroup!

#### Red Nose Day

Comic Relief is approaching, on Friday 17th March. In aid of this, we are encouraging all children to join staff and come to Playgroup dressed in their Pyjamas for the day. If you wish to also make a donation, this can be given to staff.

#### Red noses also welcomed!

#### Mother's Day

Don't forget, it is Mother's Day on 19th March. You can expect to see Handmade Cards coming home that week from Playgroup.



### Term Dates

Welcome back for the second half of the Spring Term. The last day of term is 31st March and we will return after Easter Break on 17th April.

#### Funding Forms

Funding Forms for the Summer Term will be starting to go out next week. Please let Emily know ASAP if you wish to change your child's sessions!

#### Easter Events

Please look out for emails from Playgroup regarding Easter Fundraising events as there are some exciting things in the pipeline for the end of term!

#### Sock Appeal

Playgroup is still in need of any old socks in sizes 3 to 12.

Please have a look through your children's old wardrobes and let us know if you can help at all!



## **Reminders!**

#### DON'T FORGET

#### Allergies

#### Ad Hoc Sessions

We have fair availability for Ad Hoc sessions this term. These can be booked by phoning Playgroup on 07891829513. They are 'pay as you go' and will be invoiced at the end of the month.

The prices are as follows:



Breakfast Club: 8am - 9am £7.25 Morning: 9am - 12 £15.75 Morning early start 8.30am -9am £2.65 Lunch Club: 12-1pm £5.25 Afternoon: 1pm - 4pm £15.75 After School Club: 4 - 5pm £8.25 Standard Full day: 9am - 4pm £36.75

#### Notice Period

Don't forget, there is a 4 week notice period on dropping sessions.

# REMINDER

#### Funding Forms

If you have not yet completed your form, please ask at the gate if there is anything left to sign.

#### SITKINS Name Labels

Please don't forget to label coats, hats, bags and bottles to avoid confusion, and check the lost property box regularly. Use the STIKINS link on our website for waterproof non-iron labels which can be used for all these items and earns us commission. Please do not pack nut or egg products in your child's packed lunch. This is imperative as we have children in the setting with serious allergies.

Please pack alternate shoes if your child is wearing wellies on arrival as June is highly allergic to latex.

Thank you for your understanding.

#### Contact Numbers

Ill or Absent? Please call Playgroup on 07891829513 or email rotpreschoolplaygroup @googlemail.com. Fees, invoices, funding, changes to sessions or general admin queries? Please email Emily at rotplaygroupadmin @googlemail.com



# Funding FAQs

#### Turning 3

All children born between Ol/Ol/2020 and 3l/03/2020 will become eligible for up to 15 hours per week of funded places at Playgroup from the Summer Term 2023 starting in April. To discuss how you can use your entitlement, please contact Emily. This 15 hours' of funding is a universal entitlement. All 3+ year olds are eligible and we apply on your behalf.

# 30 Hours for working households

Children turning 3 during this term may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare from the Summer Term 2023 if both (or one if only one in the household) parents/carers within the household work. Terms and Conditions apply.

- Application is made by you to HMRC
- You will be provided with a code (see Verifying your 30 Hour Code)

#### When to Apply

When your child turns 3	When they can get 30 hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31	Term starting on or after 1	15 October to 30
December	January	November
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1	15 January to 28
	April	February

1 April to 31 August

Term starting on or after 1 15 June to 31 July

Please let Emily know when you receive the code and she will give you a funding form to complete for us to claim the funding.

You can split your 30 hours between more than one setting,

including childminders and the school nursery.



#### Verifying your 30 Hour Code

You MUST obtain this code the term BEFORE your child will be eligible for funding. If they turn 3 between 1/1/23 and 31/3/23, you must apply this Spring Term by 31/3/22 in order to claim funding starting Summer Term 2023. Codes have an expiry date and HMRC will notify you to remind you to re-check your code through your account with them. Please make sure you do this as you will lose the right to funding if your code lapses.

**More Info** Google 'Childcare Choices' for more information on options available to 2, 3 and 4 year olds