



Newsletter

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Playschool Activities

Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended the Stay and Play last half term. The children loved having you and we hope you enjoyed joining in with some of the activities we offer here at Playschool.

This half term the children are enjoying looking at STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities. We will be experimenting with shape, colour, textures, measuring, solids, liquids to name but a few! There are simple ways for you to join in too. Talk about the shapes and colours you see when out for a walk in the park – a shape hunt or I-Spy can make it interesting for your child. When putting away shopping or toys at home, ask your child to choose a big item or small item, or ask which is bigger/smaller. Blow football, using straws or kitchen roll tubes and a light ball is great for developing the muscles in the mouth related to speech. Use any opportunity to count – steps to the car? Stairs in the house? Knives and forks needed at dinner time?

If you're feeling brave, you could even get them to help build flat pack furniture: counting the screws, matching the shape to the picture and using simple tools like a screwdriver are all great real life experiences for learning (the children in my family love to do it!).

Next Term

Our themes for next term will be 'Life Cycles and Changes' before the May half term holiday and 'Countries and Holidays' afterwards. If you are going away anywhere on holiday between now and July, it would be lovely if you could consider sending Playschool a postcard for the children to look at. The address is at the top of this Newsletter.

Volunteering

If any of our parents, grandparents and carers has a skill or interest that you think would be beneficial to our Playschool, then please speak to Claire or Sue and we would be delighted to arrange something. Similarly, if you would like to come in to speak to the children about a cultural celebration that you observe in your family we would love to have you!

Term Dates:

Spring term: Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April
Half Term: Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

Summer term: Monday 20th April – Friday 10th July
Half Term: Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

CLOSED: May Day Bank Holiday Friday 8th May – please note the change of day, this is to coincide with the VE day commemorations

This Term's Events:

Park Trip: Monday 30th March
Please see the information below for details.
Thank you.

Save The Date

Preschool Celebration: AFTERNOON of Tuesday 30th June

Teddy Bears' Picnic: Friday 10th July

Park Trip

This term we have organised our park trip for **Monday 30th March**. All children and their parents/carers are invited. This is an event that we do ask **all** parents/carers to attend if possible.

If your child does not normally attend Playschool on Mondays, then they **must** be accompanied by an adult and will remain your responsibility. Younger siblings are also welcome to join us.

If you and your child would like to go, please sign-up on the sheet by the entrance.

To coincide with Easter, the walk will be an Easter Bonnet parade. We will be making hats with the children the week before the walk, but if you would like to make one with your child at home you are more than welcome to.

Please can all children, parents and carers arrive at 9:15am with coats and suitable footwear for walking.

We will give the children high-vis vests to wear and talk to them about how to stay safe on the walk. We will then leave as soon as possible after that. We will walk to the park together, using an 'I-Spy' sheet to spot things on the way. Once at the park the children will have snack by the sundial, explore the maze/pond/human nature garden (dependent on these areas being open) and then finish at the playground. At this point parents/carers are welcome to stay to chat to your child's key person and leave when you are ready.

Please let Claire or Sue know before you leave so we can sign your child out. Parents and carers who are not on the trip please could you collect your child from the playground at 12.15pm. If this is not possible, please see Sue or Claire to make alternative arrangements
Thank you.

Please note the following reminders;

Clothing & Bags

Please ensure your child's bag is labelled and only contains a complete change of clothes and nappies (if necessary). Due to Health and Safety requirements NO FOOD, DRINK, TOYS, SUN CREAM OR MEDICATION should be left in the bag. If sun cream, medication or drinks are needed to be left at Playschool, then please label them and hand them to a member of staff as you drop your child off.

Please label all clothing and ensure that your child can take off and put them on easily, for example when using the toilet. Please send in your child with sensible shoes – no slip-ons or flip-flops and no jewellery please.

Please provide labelled wellies on wet days as the children do go outside in wet weather. Provide a labelled pair of shoes as well.

Security

If your child is being collected by someone unknown to us, please write this in the collection book and ensure the person knows your child's password.

Fees

Please pay for sessions and lunch club by bank transfer if possible, using your child's first name plus "lunch" or "fees" as a reference. If paying by cash, please place in a clearly labelled envelope.

Bank details: acc. no 51764632 sort code 40-24-33

Fees for sessions are £5.50 per hour.

Our notice period is 4 weeks (excluding holidays). Fees due for this notice period remain payable even if your child does not attend. This includes free entitlement fees.

Sickness & Medication

If your child feels unwell please keep them at home. For sickness or diarrhoea, you must leave at least 48 hours after the last episode before returning to Playschool. Please contact us to let us know if your child is off sick. If your child needs to be given medication at Playschool please discuss this with us.

Coronavirus

Further to the letter you received before half term regarding the Coronavirus, please let us know if you will be going abroad so we can advise you on the current guidelines and our policy. Areas in Italy, South Korea, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam have now been added to list of countries.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869250/Coronavirus_advice_for_educational_settings_poster.pdf

Friends of BRBC Playschool Fundraising

Before half term you should have received two letters from our 'Friends' group regarding fundraising for Playschool.

The first was for the 'Bags to School' Collection. We will be collecting good quality adult and children's clothing in the bags provided. 'Bags to School' will pay us 40p per kilo so the more bags we fill the more Playschool will benefit. Please bring in your bags from Monday 30th March until the morning of Friday 3rd April when 'Bags to School' will collect the donations. **We are unable to take in donations before this due to a lack of suitable storage.**

Please refer to the list you were given or on the door for a guide to what is accepted. Thank you.

The second letter was regarding 'Give as You Live Online.' This helps organisations like Playschool to raise funds for free when you shop online.

Every time you shop online via 'Give as You Live' a free donation will be made to us and it won't cost you a penny. Retailers involved include Amazon, eBay, John Lewis and Expedia. Plus, if you shop through the Give as You Live website, you can access offers, so you could save money too!

www.giveasyoulive.com

Dentist Visit

We would like to thank Sue Ward, a retired dentist for coming in to visit the children. They had a great time, trying on masks and a dentist coat and looking at an example of a child's mouth, showing the adult teeth still hiding under the gums. Sue talked to them about how to brush and look after their teeth – not hard scrubbing, but gentle polishing in round circle movements. They then played a game where they had to decide which snack were good snacks, such as apple, melon, carrots, water and milk and which were treats, best to have with a meal; like smoothies and raisins.