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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

Term Dates: Subject to change re COVID-19

Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term starts - Tuesday 4th January 2022

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and are now ready for the run up to Christmas!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th November - Children in Need

Tuesday 23rd November - Parent 'School Transition / Readiness' Evening - 7—9pm

Tuesday 14th December - Father Christmas visiting

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Play (1)

Thursday 16th December - Christmas Play (2)

Friday 17th December - Last day of term



Children in Need - Friday 19th November (all day)

Today we are having a Dress-up Day - your child can dress up however they like in aid of Children in Need. We will have collection boxes / tin on both doors and are suggesting a £1 donation, if possible.

School Transition / Readiness Evening - Tuesday 23rd November 7 - 9pm

Over the past few years, we have noticed that many parents of children in their last year with us, displayed anxiety regarding their children transitioning to school and how they should be preparing them.

We decided to offer a short evening course for parents and carers, where we can talk through schools' expectations and how we, with you, support children to be as prepared as possible for the next educational step in their lives. Hopefully this dispels any anxieties and gives some practical tips on things you could be incorporating into your routines during this year.

This evening is aimed at parents and carers whose children will start school in September 2022. If you would like to attend, please fill in the attached slip and return asap to book your place.

Father Christmas Visiting - Tuesday 14th December

Father Christmas has told us he is visiting today - baring any problems with his sleigh / elves etc.

If your child is not usually in on a Tuesday (am or pm) but you would like to bring them in to see him, then please fill in the attached slip and return asap.

All children will be left a gift from Father Christmas regardless of whether or not they come in today.



Christmas Play - Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th December

Due to COVID, it has been nearly two years since we have had any proper gatherings of families at Playgroup.

Last year we filmed the play and all parents were given access to it. This year we are really hoping to be able to have an audience but obviously we must exercise caution. It is our intention to put on two performances rather than one and offer families two tickets for one of these performances.

We will also film the performance and once again give viewing access to parents and carers so that large families are not too disappointed if they cannot attend.

As a charity, we have to fundraise and have found this very difficult over the past couple of years and so will be also be having a Christmas raffle at each performance so please bring that rarity (some cash!) with you.

We will be sending you out letters soon, letting you know what part your child is and what day you can take up tickets. If COVID is surging we may have to rescind ticket offers and film the performances only but we sincerely hope we can go ahead.

The Christmas play involves children in their last year only.



Christmas Cards

We will be putting a postbox out from the beginning of December, in the front foyer, that your child may post cards for us to hand out in the last week. I will put a list of morning children (younger ones) and older children on the front door. This will be first names only with a surname initial if there are duplicates, that you can photograph and then ask your child who their friends are if you wish. Last cards in by Monday 13th December please.

Other News:

William Older Playgroup T-shirts / Hoodies etc

I know some families are waiting on news regarding these. As with many organisations, we have had trouble with suppliers as they are all struggling to get stock themselves. We have had to switch suppliers and are hoping for some deliveries soon. When we do, we will let you know and also offer an online shop via Facebook and Instagram so watch this space!

Reminders

The children (especially the boys for some reason) are terrible at putting coats / hats / gloves lunch-boxes on their pegs and, as you may have noticed, we have some confusing mix ups at home time. Please clearly label as much as you can as this will help us and remind children to hang things on their own pegs or under them.

Many thanks,

Sue & the Team



School Transition / Readiness Evening

I / we would like to attend the School Transition / Readiness Evening on Tuesday 23rd November - 7 - 9pm

Name(s) _____

Parent / Carer of _____

We look forward to seeing you!



Father Christmas

My child _____ does not usually attend on a Tuesday.

I would like to bring them in for Father Christmas' visit, will stay with them and be responsible for them.

Signed _____

We will advise you of the time to come in, nearer the date.