

These positions have sometimes been filled by parents but may also appeal to a grandparent looking for new challenge.

If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a Trustee then please send a brief CV to our email address: williamolderplaygroup@gmail.com and these will be passed on to our existing Trustees who can arrange interviews. Please may we ask that any applications are received by the end of term.

Zoolab - Friday 3rd November

Hopefully we will be visited today by an exciting array of creatures that will be presented during a magical story of the Zagaro! (Based on the Gruffalo).

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Please may we have any shoeboxes that you have kindly filled ready for donation to a child in need to open on Christmas morning, popped into Playgroup by Friday 10th November.

Children in Need

Today we will be supporting another worthy cause with a Pyjama Day. Your child may dress in their PJs or slumberwear but we do ask that underwear is still worn and suitable shoes and coats as well, for outdoor play. We are asking for a £1 voluntary donation on entry but if you would like to give more, please do.



School Readiness Evening - Tuesday 21st November - 7 - 9pm

Each year, we like to have an evening parent meeting on 'What School Readiness Looks Like'. If your child is going into school next September, then we would love you to attend. This year we are also being joined by Mr. Jee, Head of St Margaret's School, who will give a little talk.

This evening is relevant whatever school you are planning on sending your child to and, we hope, will dispel any anxieties and give you and your child plenty of time to feel prepared for their next big steps. If you would like to attend then please fill in and return the slip on this letter so that we can make sure we provide adequate refreshments.

Christmas Play - Thursday 14th December - 2pm (Older Children)

We love getting ready every year to put on a Christmas show with our children, more information on a separate letter will follow soon.



Father Christmas - Friday 15th December - Morning & Afternoon Children

We are lucky that Father Christmas fits us in 2 times today, even with his busy schedule. If your child is not usually in on a Friday but you would like to bring them in to see him and receive a gift, then please fill in and return the slip at the bottom of the newsletter. If they are not usually in and you cannot bring them in, then please complete the slip stating their last session of that week as Father Christmas will drop in their gifts for this time. The morning visit will take place at approximately 11.20am and the afternoon visit at approximately 2.20pm.

Other

St Margaret's Open Morning

St Margaret's have asked us to promote their Open Morning on Saturday 11th November, 10 - 11.15am. Please call their office to book your place on 01903 785416.

Facebook / Instagram Reminder

For new families, we use our Facebook and Instagram pages to help keep you up to date with all the exciting activities your children are experiencing. We know it's not for everyone but if you change your preference and are happy to let your child be featured in our posts, then please let us know any time. Please 'like' and 'follow' us and our posts as it gives us an indication of our audience.

Labelling of clothes

Now the colder weather is approaching, it really helps us if coats etc. have clear names inside as no matter how many reminders we give, a pile of coats is usually found in the cloakrooms after outdoor play. Also, named hats and wherever possible, mittens are much easier for children to get on and off, rather than gloves.

Snack

Please remember monetary contributions to our snack pot (outside the front door) or donations can be made via online banking with the reference 'SNACK' to:

Account Name: William Older Playgroup Sort Code: 30-95-09 Account Number: 00626350

Measles & Mumps

We have been asked by the local authority to highlight current info on the Measles and Mumps:

NHS UK: 'Measles is highly infectious and can be passed on even before a rash appears.

Make sure your child is protected from becoming seriously unwell from measles by making sure they are up to date with their MMR vaccinations. More info <http://nhs.uk/mmr>'

Looking forward to lots of fun with you all in the lead up to Christmas!

Sue & the Team



School Readiness Evening

I / we (delete as applicable) would like to attend this evening on Tuesday 21st November, 7 - 9pm

Signed _____ Parents / Carers of _____



Father Christmas

My child _____

Please tick as applicable:

Does not usually attend on a Friday but I will bring them (if morning child, at 11.20am, afternoon child at 2.20pm) on Friday 15th December, to see him.

Will not be able to attend the visit, their last session before Christmas will be _____

Signed (Parent / Carer) _____