

Newsletter Summer Term 2 2022





#### Term Dates:

2nd Half of Term Starts: Mon 6th June 2022

Break up for Summer - Thurs 21st July 2022

Return to Playgroup - Mon 5th September 2022

# Dates for your Diary:

Mon 13th June - PM - Fire Brigade (People that Help us) Mon 20th June - PM - Police Visit (People that Help us) Mon 27th June - PM - Lollipop Man Visit (People that Help us) Thurs 23rd June - ALL DAY - Pirate Day Weds 29th June - PM - Hawking About (Weds 6th July - Reserve date if too wet or windy) Weds 6th July - AM - School Transfer Morning Thurs 14th July - PM - Art Exhibition of Children's Work Thurs 21st July - PM - Leavers' Party & BREAK UP FOR SUMMER Tuesday PMs - School Transfer Hour Friday PMs - Hartbeeps

## People that Help us

This June, the older children will enjoy visits from 'People that Help us' which will include the Fire Brigade, Police and Lollipop Man.

## Pirate Day - ALL DAY - Thurs 23rd June

Children may come in today dressed as pirates for some swashbuckling fun! We also invite the youngest children from St Wilfred's School to join us in the morning as well as Ash and Oak Reception classes joining us in the afternoon.

There will be Pirate tattoos as part of the activities so please let us know if there is a reason you would not like your child to have some.

## Hawking About - PM - Weds 29th June (Weather permitting)

One of our most exciting afternoons of the year - Kevin visiting us with his beautiful Birds of Prey.

#### School Transfer Day - AM - Weds 6th July

On this morning, children across West Sussex visit their new schools and therefore, we are <u>closed</u> to children in their last year with us on this morning.

We will open again from 12pm but if possible, we strongly suggest that you take them home for lunch and them time to talk to you about their school experience. Ideally, we would suggest you bring them back in for 1pm but for working families etc., we will take children in from 12pm.

#### Art Exhibition (older children) - PM - Thurs 14th July

There will be a letter to follow for our Leavers but this afternoon, we will be holding a ticketed fundraiser of special pieces of the children's art.

There will be a ticket price for each adult which will include the special items which will be sent home during the following days.

Families of and older children not usually attending on a Thursday, will also be invited - more information to follow.

#### Leavers Party with 'Magic Marty' - PM - Thurs 21st July

Today, children are welcome to bring in a party style lunch. We will then be joined by 'Magic Marty' who I am sure will 'conjure' up a great show for our Leavers.

Children not usually attending on a Thursday PM but in their last year with us are welcome to attend from 12pm today at no additional charge but please fill in and return the slip at the end of this newsletter so that we can staff accordingly.

#### Transition Hour - Tuesday PMs



We will be continuing with our hour Transition afternoons between us and St Margaret's Reception classes

## Hartbeeps - Friday PMs

Every Friday afternoon we will be enjoying a visit from Becky and Hartbeeps

#### Other events - Afternoon children

If we have a very hot spell then we will be inviting families (probably at quite short notice) to send the children in on an afternoon with a swimming costume, towel and water pistol, for a GIANT water fight! Look out for more information on this.



#### Snack Money

Please remember to contribute as it helps us to spend more money on resources for the children.

#### Bookbags

We would ask all older children to return their Bookbags to be recycled for next year. They will be getting a new one from their school very soon. We will be collecting them back in during week Mon 11th July—Friday 15th July so please send yours in then.

#### Carry Over Children

If I have not had the forms back with the hours you would like from September then please return ASAP. If you have returned you form then please take these hours as confirmed unless I have spoken to you.

For those children who may be entitled to extended hours, please make sure you have visited the Childcare Choices website and applied. Following the application, I will then need your code. This code has to be applied for each term.

#### Learning Journals

This year, St Margaret's will be taking Learning Journals in to help them get to know your child better. I will be checking with other schools to see if they want them and if not, we will pass them on to you. St Margaret's will return them to you later in their Autumn Term.

Your Keyperson will shortly be giving you a 'Moving On' sheet. Please fill in any details school may find useful, sign the bottom as consent for information being passed on to school and return as soon as possible.

#### After School Club

Last term we put out the idea of an After School Club but unfortunately, did not have a big enough response to run it.

We are offering it again from September but again, only if we have enough children to make it financially viable.

If interested, please return the attached slip as soon as possible. These hours would be extra to Free Entitlement hours and not included in the FE offer.



## And finally...

It has been another busy year for us at Playgroup. We have loved having your children with us and hope you will all take away happy memories of your time with us.

We have enjoyed being able to welcome families back to events such as the Christmas Play, Easter Concert and Art Exhibition. We wish our Leavers the very best time at their new Reception classes and look forward to moving on our younger children into 'older' routines from September.

Wishing you all a lovely Summer with us, followed by a sunny holiday break, **returning to Playgroup on Monday 5th September 2022**.

Sue & the Team

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## Thursday 21st July - Leavers Party

My child -

does not usually attend on a Thursday but I will be bringing them in with a party style packed lunch at 12pm, to attend the Leaver's Party.

Parent / Carer of -