



Buckden Pre-School Playgroup

A place for Children to grow, to learn and to flourish

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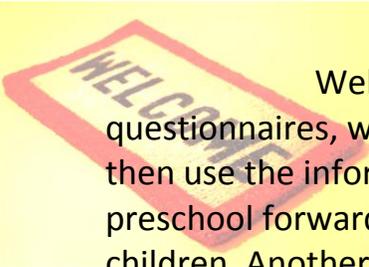
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Newsletter – May 2014

Preschool roundup



Welcome to May's newsletter! Thank you for taking the time to fill in the questionnaires, we will collate all the information and publish the results soon, we will then use the information to make any necessary changes in order to move the preschool forward and ensure it continues to provide a high standard of care for all the children. Another big thank you to the parents who helped us on our soggy walk to the church, your support was very much appreciated 😊

A few reminders:

- Please ensure you are on time for dropping off and picking up your children. Late arrivals in the morning can be disruptive and mean that children miss out on registration and late pickups can cause distress as well as problems with the adult/child ratios.
- If your child is not going to be attending a session for any reason we would really appreciate a text or phone call to let us know.
- Can you please ensure your fees are paid on time, we are reliant on the fees to pay our overheads and so when fees are late we are then late paying.



Many thanks for your cooperation with these.



The school leavers are really enjoying learning French with Benoit's mum Kate. They have been learning how to say hello, colours and numbers and will be looking at transport as well as singing songs in French. We are very grateful to Kate for her time and enthusiasm the children are having so much fun!

We are starting wake and shake on Monday 12th May, we will all meet in the hall and the children, and parents if they wish, will have the opportunity to take part in a 10 minute exercise/dance routine to start the day. We will be doing this on Wednesday mornings.....lots



of fun to be had!!



We are aiming to do PE on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, if your child is a school leaver please can you bring in a named bag with shorts, tee shirt and trainers in. This is an opportunity for them to practice getting undressed and dressed ready for PE lessons at school.



For the non school leavers we will be sending out a form after half term asking what sessions you will require for September. Once you have decided can we please remind you that we require 30 days written notice if you wish to change sessions.

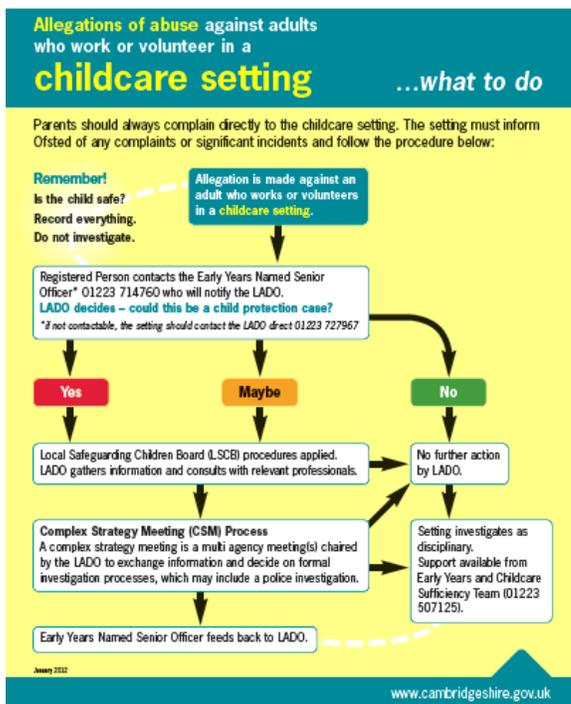
Focus on safeguarding

You will all be aware that as a setting we have a duty of care to ensure all the children we look after are kept safe from harm or abuse. Michelle is the settings Designated Person for Child Protection and Estelle is also fully qualified to take on the role in Michelle's absence.



Every member of the team has attended a basic Child Protection course and we update our knowledge based on information from Cambridgeshire County Council or the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB). However what you may not be aware of is what you can do if you have any concerns about a child's welfare. If you have concerns about any of the adults in the setting we would urge you to tell the Designated Person who will then follow the guidance as per the flow chart, there is also a copy of this on the parents notice board. If you are concerned about a child outside of the nursery please follow the LSCB guidance

http://www.camblscb.org.uk/parents_report.html



The library sessions for school leavers are proving to be a big hit with the children and we have had some lovely feedback from the library staff. Alison



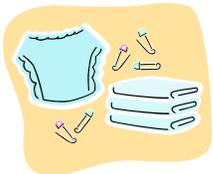
will be sending home top tip sheets to support what the children have been learning each week and you are very welcome to ask her any questions via email or face to face when she is in session. If your child is not in session for the library visits you are very welcome to join Alison and the children at the library however you will need to stay with your child to ensure the ratios are met. For more information on session times please do come in and ask 😊

Committee Roundup



Some dates for your diaries

1. 17th May , plant sale 10am at 41 Lucks Lane
2. 17th May, 6pm May Ball, evening tickets still available and look out for auction prizes. For more information have a look at our Facebook page 'Buckden May Ball 2014' or on the notice board in preschool.
3. 28th June, Buckden festival, come along and see the preschool superhero themed stall/activities. Helpers are needed and will be very much appreciated, see Vikki for more information.



The changing unit is now up in the bathroom, thank you again for your support in raising the money for this.

Pre-School Committee

Many of the committee members will be leaving when their children start school. The Pre-School legally cannot run without committee members; **60** percent of committee members' have to be parents or carers of children attending the Pre-School. There are many way to give support and become involved and it also looks good on your CV. We need help with fundraising, a staff-committee liaison person, help with HR, treasury and general helpers; many of these tasks take various amounts of time depending on month of the year. Over the past academic year many new systems have been put into place, polices updated and financial software used; within pre-school, Michelle has created and updated many of the procedure's and has re-organised how the sessions are structured. Thus I am really happy that pre-school is running much more efficiently, we are offering more exciting activities for children, and the background

planning and paper work (Ofsted, Cambridge County Council etc) is now virtually up to date!

Please consider helping, the committee is fun, and most importantly you really do have an impact in your child's pre-school's experience.

We are also looking for a Chairperson to take over; this can be a parent, carer, relative or village member. Please contact myself or a member of the committee if you can help in any way or if you know somebody who may also be able to help.

Lastly ~ again a massive thank you from the committee to staff members for all of their hard work!! Please remember if there is anything that you are not happy with, please speak to Michelle, a member of staff or myself and we will do everything we can to rectify the problem (if we do not know about it – we cannot change it!!).

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