



Ravenshead Preschool Playgroup Newsletter

Sept 2021 (Autumn Term 1)

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the team, I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer holiday, we are all looking forward to welcoming you back to preschool from Thursday 2nd September 2021.

New Children

We are delighted to welcome new families and children and we hope that you will all be very happy with us. If you are unsure of anything, please don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

Thank you

On behalf of the team, I would like to say a huge thank you for all our lovely end of term cards and gifts. We are so grateful to you all.

Staff

Another huge thank you to all the preschool staff. They have been so dedicated and determined to provide our children a fun, happy, educational, safe space during these unusual times and I know the parents are so appreciative of their hard work. I hope they have all had a restful summer. I would like to say a personal thank you to Christine for all her hard work over the many years that she has been the manager of the preschool and I look forward to Christine continuing with us as an assistant and supporting me in my new role as manager.

Committee News

Wow, what a year it has been. As we start our new academic year, I wanted to take time to say a big thank you to each and every one of you for your support towards the preschool. It has not been an easy year, but you still managed to raise a considerable amount of money to repair the climbing frame, buy a laptop and refresh some of our resources. A big thank you and well done. The committee will see two members stepping down, so we currently have a temporary treasurer. Without a committee our charity is unable to operate so if any new or existing parents are interested in joining the committee – please contact me.

Tapestry

For our new parents, you should by now have been sent an email to register for Tapestry, please can you set up a password as soon as possible. Each child at our preschool has their own unique tapestry journal. These online learning journals provide a history of the time your child is with us at preschool and will be transferred to their school for their journey to continue.

We are hoping you will add photographs/videos to the online journals or add some observations of WOW moments/interests/likes/ dislikes/events/ outings/ language development - anything you would like us to know about your child.

Your observations together with ours help us with planning and extending your children's learning. Any questions regarding observations please speak with your key person.

Furthermore, "WOW" notes are available, which you will find in your child's bag or just ask a member of staff, if you should prefer paper. As your child learns and develops they will start to use their knowledge and skills in a variety of contexts. Please tell us when you see your child do something that makes you say "WOW".

Please can everyone look at their child "All About Me" on Tapestry and update / add any information that has changed over the summer.

This terms date:

Thursday 2nd September: Preschool open Autumn 1
Friday 15th October: Last day of half term
Monday 1st November: Preschool open Autumn 2
Friday 17th December: Preschool closes for Christmas

Further events will be added.

Labelling items

Please label everything, water bottles, lunch boxes, coats, wellies, hats.

Water bottles / Lunch Boxes

All children need to bring a named water bottle every day. Please place them in the holder outside preschool.

For those staying for lunch, please remember to name your child lunch box and pop an icepack within the lunch box to keep everything cool.

We also have NO NUTS in our preschool, this includes pesto – which contains nuts.

Finally, for the health and safety of our children do not bring glass bottles or cans, flasks, nuts and if you are providing grapes, cherry tomatoes, mini sausages, please ensure they are cut in half to avoid a choking hazard.

As part of the new EYFS, there is a huge emphasis on Oral Health. Throughout the year we will be supporting the children with their oral health and a healthy lifestyle which includes healthy eating. To support this, we will be sending home ideas for you to do at home. Look out for our lunch box ideas this term.

Bills / Invoices

All bills will be issued within the first week of each half term. Please can you ensure that all monies are paid within 2 weeks to the following: -

Account Name: Ravenshead Preschool Playgroup CIO
Sort Code: 05-06-41
Account Number: 29611228

Please reference with your child name.

There is a late payment charge of £25 so please help us in sending payments on time to avoid any unnecessary chasing.

If you are having any difficulties, please contact us to make alternative arrangements.

Policies

For information, all our preschool policies and procedure are available within the preschool and these are being added to the website as they are reviewed.

The Newly Revised EYFS

Please go to our website to view our latest information on the Early Years Foundation Stage. This is the statutory guidance we follow.



Absences

If your child is absent from preschool, please kindly telephone the preschool in the morning before 9.30am on 01623 490707. There is an answer which is regularly checked.

Alternatively, you can email us on:

ravensheadpgmanager@yahoo.com

Please note that emails will only be read/answered during preschool hours.

Illness

Parents are asked NOT TO bring into the preschool any child who has been vomiting or has had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack.

Please also consider if you are having to administer medicine at home such as paracetamol, is your child well enough to attend?

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