



Ravenshead Preschool Playgroup Newsletter

April 2022 (Summer Term)

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Happy Easter

We hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter. All the children have returned to preschool very well and we are all looking forward to another fun packed term.

Thank you

On behalf of everyone at preschool we would like to send a huge thank you to all the donations we have received last half term, food, toys, nappies, clothes. All donations are well received and add to our fantastic provision.

This term we are wishing for:

Balls
Water/Sand Table or tuff spot
Duplo
Wipes
Nappy Sacks
Toilet rolls
Tissues
Plain flour
Salt
Oil
Large garden planters

Any donations welcome.

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.

Staff

Another huge thank you to all the preschool staff. They are so dedicated and determined to provide our children a fun, happy, educational and safe space.

Fees

Following our recent committee meeting, as of the 28th May 2022 the sessional fees will increase to £15.50 and the lunch fee to £5.50. This is in line with National Minimum Wage increments.

This decision was not made lightly as we always try to remain reasonable.

Fundraising

By signing up to easy fundraising (go to the website and search for Ravenshead Preschool), we can raise money from each purchase you make, Amazon, John Lewis and many other online stores make donations to us for you shopping with them.

Change of hours / Leavers / Funding Forms

We are very pleased that the number of sessions booked at preschool are increasing rapidly. However, this means that adding/changing sessions is becoming more difficult.

If you would like to change your hours, please let me know as soon as possible as you may need to join a waiting list for the sessions you require.

If your child is ready for starting school, please give us as much notice as possible (4 weeks minimum) so we can liaise with the school of your choice and complete your child's leaving report.

If your child is becoming funded, either two year funded (please check via Notts Help Yourself if you are eligible), or 3 year funded from the term after your child's third birthday, funding forms will be issued shortly.

If your child already receives funding and their hours are not changing there is no requirement for new funding forms to be completed.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind," said the boy

Summer clothing

As the weather is changing, please could children be dressed appropriately for the warmer weather. Hats are essential as the children are offered daily outside play. Please could all children have a spare set of clothes in their backpacks so they can be changed if they get wet from the waterplay or accidents.

Suncream

We would be very grateful if you could apply an all day suncream prior to your arrival at preschool so the children can play outside during the summer term. We will be asking if suncream has been applied as you arrive during the hotter day.

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.

Committee News

Last half term we are held to have our first face to face and online committee meeting since Covid, it was lovely to see everyone again. We will be holding our AGM this term and would like to invite everyone to join us. As a charity we have to have a committee and we are in need of new members. If you are interested please drop me an email and I can send you a Committee welcome pack. Without a committee our provision can not run so if you can spare us an hour or two per term it is very much appreciated.

Tapestry

Last half term we have enjoyed all the holiday photographs and "WOW" moments that you have shared with us, please continue to upload them onto Tapestry.

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.

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 answerphone 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 until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last episode.

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

This terms date:

Monday 18th April 2022 – Bank Holiday
Monday 2nd May 2022 – Bank Holiday
Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022 – Half Term

Friday 22nd July 2022 – Last day of term
Monday 25th July 2022 – Summer holidays

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