



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

School Photographer - Thurs 3rd Oct
PD Day - CLOSED - Fri 25th Oct
Half Term - Mon 28th to Fri 1st Nov
Committee Meeting/AGM - Mon 11th Nov
Xmas Celebration - December (TBC)
Xmas Hol - Mon 23rd Dec to Mon 6th Jan
Spring Term starts - Tuesday 7th Jan '20

Happy Birthday to Eva, Sophie, Harley, Henry, Theo, Blossom & Finley who have all celebrated recently, and to Daisy, Amber, Olivia, Harry, Jake, Charlie, Lochlan and Erin who will all be having a birthday soon!

WEATHER

We are now into the time of year when we have no idea what the weather will do from one minute to the next! With this in mind, please can you ensure your child has a coat/jacket (even if it's bright sunshine when you leave the house!) and also wellies that can live under your child's peg.
ALL ITEMS NAMED PLEASE! ☺

School Applications It might seem early, but if your child will be starting primary school in September 2020, you need to be thinking about which Primary school you would like them to attend as the application deadline is in January 2020!

Mrs. Ray from Kinlet School will be sending out letters to all children of this age who attend Playgroup and is of course on hand to book in visits with any interested parents/carers. There is also an open invitation to all for the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday (20th) and there will be an open day in December.

Our Learning During September we have been looking at Ourselves and will continue with Colour and thinking about Harvest. After half term we will be looking at Autumn and Winter festivals and of course doing lots of Christmas activities in December!

We have adopted a slightly different way of planning activities for your children this term, stemming from recommendations from our recent Ofsted. We will continue to have planned adult-led activities, but the majority of our activities will be led by our assessments of your children and their individual next development steps. Please speak to Miss Pearson if you wish to learn more about this, and also remember that you are welcome to book an appointment to come in and see your child's assessment folders and speak to their key person at any time during the year if you wish to do so.

Welcome We have welcomed several new faces this term! Hello to Jake, Charlie, Lochlan, Ivy, and Lucy, and to Anita who joined us late in the Summer Term!

It is great to have such a busy start to the new school year, but please remember this means we need to know attendance requirements ASAP if your needs change, or you wish to increase attendance.

FRUIT/VEGETABLE DONATIONS

Just a little reminder that we ask all of our families to kindly bring a small donation of one piece of fruit or veg to each day that their child attends. This is all shared out during our snack times. Your donations allow us to keep our costs as low as possible, and also hopefully give the children a wider range of food experiences at snack time!

Ofsted

As many of you know, we were finally visited by Ofsted during the Summer Term. It was a very thorough examination of us and our practices, and we were delighted to be re-rated as 'Good'.

A paper copy of the inspection report is available in Playgroup, and the report is available to view on the Ofsted website - our URN is 224125.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Information for all of our families...

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Monday 11th November (7.30pm @ The Eagle, Kinlet) to discuss this year and for members to step down/join. If you would like to join and help us with fundraising etc, please speak to Miss. Pearson for more information and to start the application process ASAP. All of our families should be aware that while there is no requirement to join, as a charity Playgroup we must have a full, active Committee to enable us to operate and open the doors every day. Meetings are usually once per term, so if you think you can spare the time, and your child(ren) will be with us for longer than the current academic year, please do consider joining!