



Overton

Preschool Playgroup

Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK AFTER

HALF TERM!

We hope you all enjoyed the week off and had lots of fun!

DROP OFF ON TIME

Please help minimise disruption by dropping off your child on time. Not only can it be distracting for the children, but it saves the reception staff at the school accompanying you to the room.

PLASTIC IN LUNCHBOXES

Please endeavour to send your child in with a reusable water bottle and limit the amount of plastic in lunchboxes

30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

A reminder to all working parents with children 3 or 4 years old and claiming 30 hours free childcare to apply for or renew your code if you qualify

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

JOSH'S SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

One child's father will be riding over 100 miles to raise money for our playgroup! He will start early morning on Sunday 27th March from central Overton, completing a circuit through the surrounding villages. Please see our Facebook or Website page for ways to sponsor him, or come along on the day, between 1-2pm, in the community centre car park, to show your support. There will be coffee and cake to buy, and ways to donate with your spare change!

THE OCTOPUS CHALLENGE



We had a fantastic first term completing the first 3 octopus challenges. We have made some wonderful creations, many of which can be seen on our Facebook page. We hope the children enjoyed getting creative and showing off their junk art to you!

This term we will be moving on to challenge 2, TREE. Last autumn we planned a fruit tree in the community orchard. To continue this theme we are asking children to adopt a tree and make it feel loved! Take a look at our website of ways we will embrace this challenge!

www.overtonplaygroup.com/octopuschallenge

MAY - FAIR!

Saturday May 7th

9.30 – 11.30am

Can you help us with any of the following...

- Donate a prize for our tombola or fill a jar for our Jarbola
- Make us a cake or biscuits
- Donate any good condition toys or books
- Help us on the day to run a stall

Donation boxes are outside both settings for contributions. THANK YOU!

Dates for the Diary:

MARCH	
27	Josh's Sponsored bike ride
APRIL	
11-22	EASTER
MAY	
7	May Fair!
16	INSET DAY (Both settings closed)

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please keep a look out for our annual online questionnaire. This is your opportunity to give us feedback and make suggestions so we can make improvements and learn how we can help you!

PRESCHOOL INDUCTION DAY

On 16th May both settings will be closed for INSET DAY. However, in the morning we will be holding a preschool induction session for our playgroup children who are moving up to preschool in September. More details to follow.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Facebook

A public page where we share events, updates and useful information

- Search for @overtonpreschoolplaygroup

A private page, where we share our adventures, pictures and crafts

- Email committee@overtonplaygroup.com stating your child's name, the setting they attend and the email address you use for Facebook if you require access

WhatsApp

Groups available for both settings where you can chat to other parents. If you wish to be added please email the committee@ (as above) with your child's name, setting and phone number.

Email - Please check emails for the most up to date information.

Covid-19

<https://www.overtonplaygroup.com/covid-19-changes>

Please be reassured that we are following the guidance set out in our Covid-19 policy, which is frequently updated in correlation with Government guidelines. This includes frequent hand washing, daily cleaning of our toys, regular cleaning of surfaces etc.

To keep us all safe please wear a face mask during drop off and pick-up, remain at a social distance and follow the one-way system in place.

It is vital that no one (children or parents) with Covid-19 symptoms comes to Overton Preschool Playgroup, these include:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change in your sense of taste or smell

Please use the online NHS service if you require more information.

Our current policy has been sent to all parents which contains more information about our procedures should a child or staff member test positive for Covid-19 – please ask if you need to know more.

CALPOL

Please do not send your child in if you have given them Calpol for a temperature.