



Overton

Preschool Playgroup

Newsletter

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A BIG HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all our new and
returning families!

CHRISTMAS CARDS
An enormous thank you to everyone
who supported our Christmas card
fundraiser – we raised £250! We hope
we put a smile on the face of everyone
who received one of our penguin or
snowman cards.

**HELLO TO OUR NEW
BANK STAFF**
Say Hello to Laura, Amy
and Jim, our new bank
staff, who you may see
periodically at either
setting, helping out.

BRRRRRR!
Please don't forget to send
your child in with a warm
coat, gloves and hat on the
frosty cold days, as we will
still be spending time outside.

NAME ME!
A polite reminder to
ensure your child's
coats, bags, bottles
etc. are all named.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU
to Reuben and Kassia's mummy for
donating the seeds she won from the
RHS Campaign for School Gardening.
These will come in handy as we start
our spring garden activities!

THE OCTOPUS CHALLENGE

This term we are challenging ourselves to become more environmentally friendly, and have agreed to a number of pledges to encourage us to think carefully about our decisions as a playgroup/preschool. Our ultimate aim is to encourage us to become more plastic free and sustainable, where possible.

As an octopus has 8 arms, there will be 8 challenges to complete between now and the end of the summer term. There are a number of different activities children can take part in, both at home and at each setting. For every challenge completed a sticker will be rewarded, and on completion of them all a special prize!

*This term we will be starting with
challenge 1, bottle top creations
challenge 4, Junk Art Activities
challenge 5, Recycling*

BOTTLE TOPS & BOXES
Please save them for
our junk art projects!
Post boxes will be at
both settings. Thank
you!



*For more information see our website
www.overtonplaygroup.com/octopuschallenge*

Dates for the Diary:

January	
24	Inset day
February	
7	Inset day
21-25	HALF TERM
March	
8	Inset day
April	
8	Last day of term

FAREWELL

To Helen, who was a keyworker at the Preschool setting for over 6 years. We wish her the very best of luck as she pursues other opportunities.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Apart from speaking to you at the drop off, over the phone and through your key worker emails, we also have the following:

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.

FRUIT

Any donations to our fruit bowl will be greatly received!

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.