



PETER PAN NEWSLETTER

January 2016

Happy New Year everyone, we hope you enjoyed the holidays and celebrations, we are looking forward to a busy 2016 and to meeting our new children and parents.

We have some sad news to start with.

Our lovely staff member Michelle is leaving us in a couple of weeks to start a new job at Fairway school.

She will be missed by everyone, but we would like to wish her lots of luck in her new venture!!

We will be talking to the parents of her key children about their new keyworkers.

We will be looking for a new member of staff with a level three qualification to start as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS We all enjoyed our Christmas activities, we spent lots of time making our Christmas crafts and had lots of fun at the parties.

The children did really well at the carol concerts, especially as lots of them are very young!

Our Explorer children will be performing again in the summer before they go off to school, we will let you know the date!

SESSION TIMES All morning sessions 9:00-12:00

Please remember to always drop off and pick up promptly. Children arriving late can disrupt everyone especially if we have already started group time and the children are on the mat. Children become distressed if they are left until late to be collected and we have to vacate the hall by a certain time and we need time to pack away.

PARKING Please not double park, park dangerously blocking sightlines or block cars in when dropping off and collecting from playgroup. Please also respect the Disabled Parking Bay and our neighbours. More parking is available at the side of the hall or at the bottom of the lane next to the social club

BILLS Please pay bills promptly, if you have queries regarding your bill, please speak to Karen Carey on 01342 714692 who will be happy to help.

ILLNESS Do not bring your child in to play group if they have or have had diarrhoea or vomiting, they cannot come back to playgroup until they have been clear for at least 48 hours. We also recommend that children with thick runny noses or a high temperature do not return to playgroup until these symptoms have started to subside. Any queries, please call us on the playgroup mobile phone, before the start of the morning session, prior to bringing them in.

VALUABLES We enjoy looking at and talking about items that children bring in from home, any toys or other items that are brought in must be placed in the children's basket during the session so they are not misplaced.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING/BAGS We prefer all children to wear our Peter Pan uniform, please ask if you would like to purchase t shirts and/or sweatshirts.

It is very important that you provide a full spare change of clothes in a named bag for your child in case of accidents and nappies, sacks and plenty of wipes if your child is not yet in pants. We are unable to dispose of soiled nappies; therefore they must be taken home.

Please do not dress your child in best clothes...we often get very messy at Peter Pan!!

We ask that you change your child into their slippers when they arrive and place wellies for them on the mat by the double doors. Help us save time by ensuring **ALL** sweatshirts, coats, boots etc are clearly named.

OUTSIDE PLAY Please supply a change of footwear, slippers or plimsolls, preferably that they can or are learning to put on themselves, so that we can keep the hall floor, rugs and equipment clean. We try to provide the children with an opportunity to play outside every day, whatever the weather. We often take children out in smaller groups, either into the play area, out for walks, into the field to play or to the shop

for example. We try to provide you all with more information on a daily basis, we will be putting a written update on the whiteboard each day.

EMAIL ADDRESSES Paper copies are always available if you do not receive emails, please let us know if you would prefer a paper copy or are not receiving our emails

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS If you have any different contact numbers or have moved, we would be grateful if you could pass on these details to us as soon as

COMMITTEE We are a registered charity and committee run playgroup. Legally we require a parent committee to be able to operate. Like any group, we are always short of members.

If you can spare a few hours every 6 to 8 weeks to attend a committee meeting and discuss playgroup and suggest different/fun ways we could try in raising funds, then we would very much welcome your support. For further info please ask Lucy or Angie who will be happy to explain further or introduce you to our chairpersons.

We will be having our AGM this half term and it is important that we have enough parents attend. You will receive a letter soon with the date.

FUND RAISING As most of you will be aware, we rely heavily on fundraising to continue to keep our toys and resources bright and fresh, stimulating and up to date. We do occasionally ask for help with this from parents and thank you in advance for your continuing support.

LENDING LIBRARY Our lending library has been popular with the children, please encourage your child to pick a book and take it home, it is very important that books are shared with children of all ages every day. Don't forget to return the books when they are finished with, we had a lot missing at the end of the last school year. We would prefer every child to bring in a book bag each day so that we can help them to change books and choose new ones. **Our book bags are available to purchase now for £5.00 each if you do not already have one.**

LUNCH CLUB Our popular lunch club will continue in January on Mondays and Fridays from 12.00 to 1.00. The cost of the session will be £4.50 per child and will be added on to your bill. Each child will need to bring in a lunch box with their lunch in, unfortunately we do not have enough space in the fridge to keep them chilled, *so please include a small cooler pack inside.* Each session, we will have a different activity for the children to do, a list will be available on the notice board and on the website. These extra sessions are for children over the age of 3 only.

EXPLORERS Our afternoon Explorer sessions are for children that will be leaving in September 2016 to go to school. We are starting these sessions on 5th January every Tuesday afternoon 12.30pm until 3.30pm.

Please bring in your child with a packed lunch and a drink for this session, we will all eat lunch together before the session starts. It is important that children arrive on time, so staff are free to sit with the children while they eat their lunch.

This session has structured activities to continue the children's learning. We work our way through the alphabet and ask the children to bring in something from home each week that starts with the relevant letter. We will start with the letter **A** this week.

During the afternoon the children are often taken out on trips around the village, they will require outside clothing as usual.

DONATIONS We are always grateful to receive donations of the following items.

Tissues, kitchen roll, washing up liquid, hand soap and sanitiser, crackers and breadsticks. Foil, sandwich bags, washable felt tip pens, pencils and glue sticks.

Thank you

TERM DATES 2016

SPRING TERM

4TH JANUARY-24TH MARCH

HALF TERM: 15TH-19TH FEB

SUMMER TERM

11TH APRIL-18TH JULY

HALF TERM: 30TH MAY 3RD JUNE

BANK HOLIDAY: 2ND MAY

NOTICE BOARD AND PARENT INFORMATION: Please check our notice board for important information. There is a parent table available each morning with extra literature regarding what is happening and where you will find the children's Learning journals. This table will be a display table of the children's work at the end of each session and a board will be up most days detailing what we have done during the morning.

Our facebook page is updated regularly, we sometimes put photos of children on there to show everyone what we have been doing. We will only do this with your permission and will not use any names. Please let us know if you are happy for us to use your child in the pictures. [Peterpan playgroup](#)

CONTACTS

Staff are in the hall from 8am each morning and can be contacted by phone

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Lucy can be contacted out of hours

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Our website has lots of important information regarding our policies, dates and curriculum. www.peterpanplaygroup.co.uk/

This half term we will all be "being creative!" learning about autumn and animals that hibernate as well as getting to know each other. We are looking forward to a busy term!!

Best wishes

Lucy, Angie, Keeley, Jennie, Lorraine and Sam