

## **NEWSLETTER**

**Welcome to this edition of Ashwell Playgroup Newsletter. Please let me know if you would like anything added to the next one.**

**NEXT WEEK IS HALF TERM. PLAYGROUP WILL RETURN MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE @ 9.15**

### **GOODBYE AND WELCOME**

Last term saw Lisa Gray leave us to care for her family. Lisa had only been with us a year but she was a very valued member of the team and we wish her all the best for the future.

At the start of this term we said welcome to Caroline Leyland who has joined us as Playgroup Assistant 2 sessions a week. Caroline is settling in lovely and having lots of fun getting to know the children and Playgroup routine.

### **SUMMER SUN PROTECTION AND DRINK BOTTLES**

After we return from the Half Term we hope that the lovely sunny weather will continue so can you please ensure that your children have a sun hat (that's been name labelled inside) left on their coat trolley peg and that you have applied at home adequate sun protection cream, P20 is a good one.

With your drink bottles can we please ask that they have your child's name on. Recently we had 4 all the same pink ones and it got quite confusing. Also OFSTED have asked that the children do not have juice in the bottles so after half term could they please have water only.

### **FOCUS WEEK**

Both Andrea and myself have recently handed out the rest of our Key Children Take Home Focus Sheets. Can we ask that you email me your 8 photos to [julie@ashwellplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:julie@ashwellplaygroup.co.uk)

by midday on MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE as I will then be able to get them all printed. The 2 sheets that we ask you to complete can you please bring back to us on your child's first day back after Half Term.

## **SICKNESS AND ILLNESSES**

Can we please ask that if your child is absent from Playgroup due to vomiting and/or diarrhoea that they do not return back to Playgroup until 48hrs AFTER THE LAST BOUT. Also if your child is absent due to them have a illness such as Chicken Pox, Scarlett Fever etc that you please tell us as these are Notifiable Diseases.

## **NURSERY TRANSITIONS AND PARENTS EVENING**

Shortly after returning back from Half Term Andrea and myself will be completing the Transition Forms for the children who are leaving us this July. These forms will then be sent to your new nurseries to help give them an insight on your child's development. Also as part of the transition for children going to Ashwell Nursery, Mrs Denham will be coming to visit us on TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY @ 9.30.

If you would be interested in attending a Parents Evening in July can you please let me know as I will then look into holding one like last year. I held these over 2 evenings and each appointment was 15 mins.

## **EARLY YEARS SPORTS DAY**

On TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE the Early Years Providers in the village, Playgroup, Ashwell Nursery and Gloria's will be coming together at Ashwell School for a Sports Event.

On this day we are asking that the children be dropped off at Ashwell School at 9.15 please. The Playgroup team will be there to meet you. Unfortunately parents cannot stay for the event. We will be walking the children back to the Village Hall afterwards so please can you come there to collect your children at the usual 12.15

## **COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

As you know we are a Committee Playgroup and without this Playgroup cannot run. In September some of our current members will be standing down and so we will need some more very kind people to donate their free time to take their place. If you would be interested in joining this happy and industrial group of mums and dads then come to speak to either myself or Elisa (Rocco's mum) Katie (Jess's Mum) or Claire (Thomas's mum). Without the Committee there would also be no Duck Race, Quiz Night, or Winter Wonderland to help raise the funds to keep Playgroup open.

## **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Previously it said that the last day of the Summer Term was Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. The last day of term is now **FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY @ 12.00**

## **AND FINALLY.....**

It is with great sadness that I am letting you know today that I will be leaving my role as Ashwell Playgroup Leader at the end of this term. I have thoroughly enjoyed and loved my time that I have spent getting to know all the beautiful children, their siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, nannies and childminders and welcoming them to our happy little corner of the village that is filled with such laughter and open ended possibilities. But the time has come for me to move on and make way for someone new to take Playgroup to their heart as I have.

The search for that someone has begun in earnest and I will of course keep you updated as to who that person will be. There will be a handover period between myself and the new Leader so that the transition will be as smooth and seamless as possible.

If you wish to speak to our Committee Chair Barbara Wolfe about this, then please contact her at [msbwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:msbwolfe@hotmail.com) or 07904939118 or feel free to talk to anyone from the Committee.

In the mean time as ever, both myself and Andrea together with Caroline will carry on making each day an adventure for your children.

**Please enjoy the half term and if you wish to discuss anything with me please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you so much for continued support of Playgroup and it's Team**

**Julie**

**Playgroup Leader**