

CASTLETON PLAYGROUP

February 2016 Newsletter

Message from Marshfield Primary School to Castleton Playgroup families Safe Access To and From Castleton Playgroup

At Marshfield Primary a new KS2 classroom extension is to be built shortly on the site of the existing sensory garden (by Castleton Playgroup). Safety for all our site users is paramount while the new build progresses over the next few months whilst ensuring the minimum of disruption. As we know, different family members /friends can bring or collect your child to/from Castleton Playgroup. Please make everyone aware of the following.

ACCESS CHANGES AFTER HALF TERM w/c 22nd February 2016:

- Castleton Playgroup parents and children - usual pedestrian access through the blue pedestrian gate and then via a new screened off path visible after half term. Please - **DO NOT CROSS THE CAR PARK ANY OTHER WAY.**
- Please ensure you do not use the double vehicular gates to take a short cut across the carpark. This is a busy carpark, made even more dangerous for pedestrians and cars with the added building works traffic.
- Please respect that this carpark is for staff use only, and not for parents/grandparents to drop off their children. This is for health, safety and legal reasons.

Remember, these arrangements start after half term w/c 22nd February and will continue throughout the summer term.

*Apologies for the disruption.
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Alison Steel Head teacher
Marshfield Primary

PUBLIC NOTICE - PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NURSERY AT MARSHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Council is now in 'Public Notice' period for the nursery at the school. This period closes on 10th March 2016 and if you have any comments/concerns please visit the attached link.

This proposal is now published by way of Statutory Notice in accordance with Sections 42 and 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

The notice can be viewed on the council website at <http://www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation>

TENDER

We have just completed the tender process for our Early Years Funding from Newport Council to commence in September 2016. We will be notified by 1st April of the outcome and will let parents know at this time.

SAINSBURYS – ACTIVE KIDS

Sainsbury's vouchers are back so please ask friends and family to help us collect as many as we can. In previous years we have been able to get some nice equipment. Thank you.

PARENT MORNINGS

Parents are invited to spend a session/s with us. This is an opportunity for you to come along and see your child at play. You can either join in the activities or simply watch - it's up to you.

This will continue up until June so if you would like to spend a session with your child, please put your name against the date/s on the list on the Parent Information wall in the hallway. (Sorry only one parent per session.)

Once the younger children have settled we will also open these sessions in the afternoon.

TOPICS FOR THIS HALF TERM

This term our topic is 'Wales and where we live' which will lead on to St David's Day

We will also be covering Sports Relief and Easter.

WEEKLY EMAIL- INTEREST TABLE

The week commencing 22nd February we will be looking at the letter 'i'. Please encourage your child to bring something that starts with that letter from home at the beginning of the week. **Please ensure it has their name on it.** The items will be put on our interest table and then sent home with your child at the end of the week.

Our Welsh Words for the next couple of weeks will be:

'Pa Siap?' - 'What Shape?'

The answers could be one of the following :

'Cylch' - 'Circle',

'Sgwar' - 'Square',

'Triangl' - 'Triangle'

'Petryal' - 'Rectangle'.

LITTLE REMINDERS

Fruit – Please don't forget fruit at snack time especially in the afternoons – Thank you.

Labelling – This term we have had several problems with items not being clearly labelled. Can we please ask that ALL BAGS and LUNCH BOXES are labelled clearly on the outside and that Coats are marked clearly on the inside.

Illness – Please do not send your child if they are unwell. If a child needs Calpol they should not come to playgroup. Please remember that if children have a sickness or diarrhoea bug they should be kept away from playgroup for 48 hours after their last symptoms.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY 1st MARCH - ST DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Children are invited to come to their normal playgroup sessions wearing something Welsh – Welsh costume, rugby shirts, daffodils, leeks etc.....

THURSDAY 3rd MARCH - WORLD BOOK DAY

We are asking that all children bring in their favourite book from home. Please ensure they have their names in them. The children will also receive vouchers that can be redeemed against a range of books in participating book shops.

SPORTS RELIEF

We will be spending the beginning of the week learning about how 'Jinnat' lives and how our donation will enable her to attend nursery. Then on Friday 18th March we are asking that children bring in £1 to come dressed up in their dancing clothes to spend a fun session dancing and maybe some singing!!

THURSDAY 24th MARCH EASTER BONNET SESSIONS

Thank you to all the parents who returned their sheet regarding our Easter celebrations. The result is that parents don't attend this session but all children are invited. All children have been charged for this session so if your child isn't attending (and it's not their normal session) please notify us so we are able to adjust your fees before payment.

THURSDAY 24th MARCH EASTER BONNET MORNING - All Pre-school children 9 am to 12pm

This session is open to **all older children** who are invited to come to playgroup in an Easter Bonnet they have helped make at home for the parade. (This is not a competition, just a bit of fun.) We will be having our parade out in our garden at 11.50 (weather permitting), if parents would like to come and watch.

The children will be taking part in games and races and having some Easter treats that they have made in playgroup.

Last session before Easter.

THURSDAY 24th MARCH EASTER BONNET AFTERNOON – All Younger children 1.00 – 3.30 **NO SESSION FOR OLDER CHILDREN**

This session is for **all younger children** who are invited to come to playgroup in an Easter Bonnet they have helped make at home for the parade. (This is not a competition, just a bit of fun). We will be having our parade out in our garden at 3.20pm (weather permitting), if parents would like to come and watch.

The children will be taking part in games and races and having some Easter treats that they have made in playgroup.

Last session before Easter.

SUMMER TERM

PLAYGROUP CLOSED MONDAY 11th APRIL AND RE-OPENS ON TUESDAY 12th APRIL

MONDAY 11th APRIL 'OPEN' COFFEE MORNING

9.30 am – 11 am

This is open for parents and new children to come and look around the setting, and for parents to have a chat and to enjoy a coffee while their children play.