

Newsletter

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Hello and a warm welcome back after half term.

Fruit donations are welcome again and very appreciated. They help us to provide each child with a midmorning snack.

Call Refuge's **National Domestic Abuse Helpline** for free & confidential advice 24 hours a day 0808 2000 247. If male, you can access support on 0808 8010327. If in immediate danger, call 999.

Sustainable Overton

We are looking at ways that we can be more sustainable and will be releasing a charter on what we are doing to help.

We welcome old yoghurt pots, tubs etc (clean and dry) as they can be used for seeds, junk arts and glue pots.

Quick tip: Consider switching out cling film for Tupperware in your child's lunch box.

Preschool children will spend this half term involved in spring time and Easter activities. They will be learning spring songs, enjoying easter egg trails, exploring growth and decay, planting seeds and experimenting different ways of growing things, plus retelling lots of different books through role play.

Applications are open for the next academic year for new starters – until 31st March. Please email hellp@overtonplaygroup.com or visit our website for more information. If you know anyone who might want a place please do get in touch. Posters will also be up around the village.

World Book Day – 4th March

Children will be given a book token. You can swap your book token to get a World Book Day book for free at your local bookseller. Tokens will be valid 18th Feb – 28th March and will be honoured beyond 28th March while stocks last.

Playgroup children will be busy exploring spring and Easter crafts this half term. Children will learn new songs relating to this time of year (Little Peter Rabbit, Little Bunny Foo Foo, In a Cottage in a Wood, Hot Cross Buns, Chik Chik Chik Chicken), completing Easter egg hunts and more. They will also be welcoming two new children!

Dates for the Diary:

March	
31	Closing date for new applications for the next academic year.
April	
1	Term ends. Both settings closed for Easter Holidays Friday 2 nd – Friday 16 th April.
19	Term starts.
May	
31	Both settings closed for half term 31 st May - 4 th June.
June	
July	
23	Term ends. Both settings close for Summer Holidays from 26 th July.

Covid-19

Please be reassured that we are following the guidance set out in our Covid-19 policy. 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.