



Overton

Preschool Playgroup

Newsletter

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Hello and Welcome to all our new and returning children and families, we hope you've had a lovely summer. We are missing our old pre-schoolers but wish them the best of luck at school. We feel regular communication between you and your child's keyworker is vital and beneficial to all, so if you don't drop or collect your child in person or simply don't have time to talk, please do feel free to email us 😊

Show and Tell: please consider coming in to either setting and share with the children a special skill, a language, interesting job, hobby or simply to read your favourite childrens' book.

Thank you for all the very generous thank you cards and gifts received from parents and children at the end of last term.

Reminders: whilst we cannot stress enough the wealth of useful information and tips available via our website and Facebook, we do use the Newsletter to issue reminders, so for those of you that haven't had the time to check them out yet.. see below 😊

An **absent** child is considered a safeguarding matter. So please contact us as soon as possible on the first day of absence. If we don't hear from you, we will call you.

We appreciate that sometimes there may be circumstances beyond parent/ carer control affecting the **prompt collection** of your child. If you know you are going to be late, please call at your earliest opportunity to discuss.

For any preschool collections outside the standard finishing times (3.15 & 3.45) parents need to go through **reception** and not the Year R outside space.

Both Settings actively encourage outdoor play and adventure come **rain or shine...**

please therefore provide your child with suitable **cold and wet weather clothing** aswell as remembering on the few hot days remaining of this summer to pack their **sun hat**, and cover exposed parts of their skin not protected by clothing, with **sunscreen before they arrive**. Use one that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher and protects against UVA and UVB.

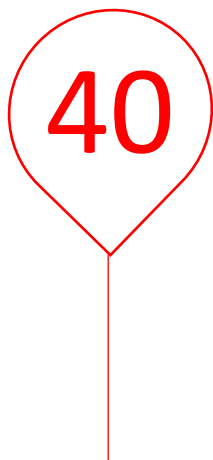
All **fruit donations** received are appreciated and helps us provide each child with a mid-morning snack.

In order to keep your child's packed lunch cool, please do include **icepacks**.

A healthy, varied and well-balanced diet is essential for children to thrive and grow. **Portion sizes** are fundamental to making sure your child gets all the nutrients they need. Should you wish to discuss your child's packed lunch, please speak to your keyworker.

Dates for the Diary:

September 2019	
14	Pre-loved Sale at the Community Centre 10-12noon. A great opportunity to sell your pre-loved items and buy everything you need from clothes, toys, books, equipment and accessories. Free entry . Tables available for only £10 or alternatively donate your items to Playgroup Preschool to sell to raise funds for new equipment.
17	Committee AGM . We are a charity run by a parent management committee and some of the current committee members are moving on this year as their children start school. We need you to get involved. Speak to staff or any of the committee members if you would like to know more about this wonderful opportunity.
23	Inset Day. Both settings will be closed – in line with Overton CE Primary School.
27	Wine Social at the Red Lion from 8pm. We appreciate that there's perhaps not much opportunity to talk and meet anyone at drop off or pick up so why not join us for ' Red, Red wine ' (*other drinks are of course available!) and a chat. (Note: due to circumstances beyond our control this is a change to the wine night event we previously advertised).
October & November	
12	To celebrate 40yrs the ORC is hosting a Charity Race Night . Doors will open at 7.30 pm. £5 a ticket, Tote £1, sponsored horses £5 and races from £10. Gee Up Red Rum! Tickets available via PayPal committee@overtonplaygroup.com (£5.38 if not paying via Friends or Family) or cash at either setting.
16	To celebrate 40yrs in collaboration with the Community Orchard we're planting a red apple tree. We invite you to join us at the Orchard for Apple Day to help us dig (only jesting!), pick some apples and enjoy apple related arts and crafts. Time of event to be confirmed.
21	Inset Day. Both settings will be closed – in line with Overton CE Primary School.
28	Both settings closed for Autumn half term Monday 28 th October– Friday 1 st November.
2	To celebrate 40yrs we've invited Merry-go-Round Storytelling to perform ' Red the Squirrel's Whizz Bang Fireworks Surprise ' at the Community Centre 10.30-11.30am. Suitable for 2-6yr olds. £5 per child and tickets are limited. Available via PayPal committee@overtonplaygroup.com (£5.38 if not paying via Friends or Family) or cash at either setting.



Overton Preschool Playgroup continues to celebrate **40 years** in 2019, we had an ambitious plan to host **40 events and activities** involving the children past and present, their parents/carers, friends and families, and below is what we have achieved so far:

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| #1 Noticeboards | #2 Playdough | #3 Phonebox | #4 Wearing red week |
| #5 Activities/craft | #6 Rocks | #7 Library Reading challenge | #8 Red Lion Quiz |
| #9 Redfort Curry | #10 Yarn bomb candles | #11 Birthday Party | #12-20 games/activities. |
| #21 Tote & Tea Towels | #22 Treasure Hunt | #23 Lollies & sundaes | #24 Yarn bomb gates |
| #25 Summer Trail | #26 Phonebox | #27 Food Festival | #28 Duck Race |

A BIG thank you for all your support to date... as you can see from the calendar of events above there are a few more planned, and a few more to be announced, watch this space! Your continued enthusiasm is very much appreciated.