Overton
Preschool Playgroup

Newsletter

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Hello Parents

We've been really busy this week, deep cleaning, having a good sort out at Preschool and Playgroup and planning what we will do with the children when we re-open.

We hope you and your children have enjoyed your emails from your keypersons. We have really enjoyed receiving your replies and finding out all about what you've been up to….

…so much so, that we've decided to set up 2 private Facebook groups, one for each setting, to make it simple to stay in touch and share our adventures. The communities that our children have built are very special, and if they can see drawings, crafts, pictures and videos of their friends, this will help keep the communities close even at a physical distance.

If you would like to join, please send an email to committee@overtonplaygroup.com with:

Your child's name

Setting – preschool or playgroup

Your email as used for Facebook

Applications for parents with children aged 2 or turning 2yrs old, wanting sessions at the Playgroup setting during the Academic Year 2020 – 2021 are due by the 31st March.

Tell your friends, relatives and neighbours as spaces are limited. We have been graded as an Outstanding setting by Ofsted in all areas.

For all the information you may need – see our website www.overtonplaygroup.com

If you still need to submit your request for hours at Preschool from September, please email this to hello@overtonplaygroup.com as soon as you can, rather than posting it in.

And if you claim 30 hours funding, please ensure your details are confirmed as usual by 31st March to ensure we can still access this funding next term.

As you know, we are temporarily closed due to Government guidelines about Coronavirus. Current government rules are clear that we can only open for vulnerable children and children of key workers critical to the COVID 19 response, who absolutely need to attend. All of our parents who could fit this description have indicated that they have alternative childcare arrangement in place.
However, if you are a key worker and your needs change and you need to use us, please get in touch. We are working closely with all other childcare providers in the local community to ensure we can provide a suitable service between us.
The latest advice can be found:
https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Fundraising

Being closed means that all of our fundraising activities have been paused also. While we're definitely not asking anyone for money at this difficult time, there are a variety of things you can do to help which don't cost anything:

smile.amazon.co.uk

Every time you purchase an eligible item, we receive a donation of 0.5% *.

The same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.

Just enter **Overton Playgroup** as your chosen charity.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

We've received £67.18 as of Feb 2020…

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/overtonpp

Sign up to easyfundraising to turn your online purchases with over 3,300 big name retailers into free donations for us, and at no cost to you.

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feel good shopping

Donations of £461.47 received so far…

In association with the **#plasticfreeoverton** campaign we're signed up to the Walkers' **crisp packet recycling scheme** and nominated to receive the **funds** raised. We'll accept any brand packets (you don't even need to wash them!), help us and the environment. Hold on to them for now as the Community Centre is closed.

WALKERS

We've raised £65.00 since the start of 2020!

schools.scholastic.co.uk/overton-rg25-3hs

For every £1 you spend we receive 25p in Scholastic Rewards (on orders over £10). We spend Scholastic Rewards to purchase new books.

All books are discounted, many by 50% but remember choose home delivery as settings are currently closed.

SCHOLASTIC

We've received £116.32 in Scholastic Rewards in the last year…

Having a sort out? Fill a couple of jars for our **Jarbola**, which we will run at the postponed Spring (Summer?) Fair..

What is a Jarbola? Get a jar, eat the pasta sauce/jam/other, clean the jar, decorate it (or not!) then put stuff in it. We'll put a ticket on it and the winner of the ticket gets the jar. What stuff? Toy cars, glow-in the-dark dinosaurs, hair accessories, sweets, pretty jewellery, crayons etc

Thank You

Your continued support is appreciated