

# Newsletter

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#### Hello and welcome back after Half Term.

All the children have settled in very well!

As we need to make sure that rooms are well ventilated please provide your child with **suitable warm clothing** and also **wellies** for children at preschool as we hope to get out to the woods at the School.

Also, we request that **water bottles** are only filled with water please, although squash and juice is okay in the lunchbox.

Our **AGM** was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you to all of those who attended. **Welcome** to our new committee members – Amy, Emma B, Lucy, Sarah, Emma R, Holly, Claire and Susannah who is now the chair and a fond farewell to the members that have now left. Thank you to Chris, Dawn and Zena for staying on the committee. Any feedback or suggestions are gratefully received and considered.

#### Facebook

A **reminder** that we have Facebook groups where we share events, updates and useful information. For the public page please search for

#### @overtonpreschoolplaygroup.

If you don't have access to the private page for your setting, and wish to, please email <a href="mailto:committee@overtonplaygroup.com">committee@overtonplaygroup.com</a> stating your child's name, which setting they attend and the email address you use for Facebook.

#### **Important Reminders**

Free childcare hours - please make sure you have applied for your code and notified the setting or reconfirmed your eligibility in order to keep your code valid (this should be done every 3 months). You can find out more information on gov.uk.

School September 2021 applications now open! - If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2021 the applications for schools in Hampshire are now open. For more information go to <a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions">www.hants.gov.uk/admissions</a>. Closing date is Friday 15 January 2021.

#### Coronavirus

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.

## **Dates for the Diary**:

November	
16	Inset Day. Both settings will be closed – in line with Overton CE
	Primary School.
Christmas Activities and Fundraising Sadly, we are unable to have our usual Christmas party this year.  However, we are hoping to have a 'festive week' with the children before the end of term! This will involve lots of Christmas fun including presents, games, party music and fancy dress.  Christmas Cards We will have packs of Christmas cards available to order that are unique and personalised to your child. If you would like to order please let us know by Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Please see Facebook/ WhatsApp for design, cost and order details.  Also look out for extra fundraising activities!	
21	<b>Both settings closed for Christmas</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January.
January	
4	Both settings open
February	
15	Both settings closed for Half Term 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> February