



Overton

Preschool Playgroup

Newsletter

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Hello and a warm welcome to our Summer term. Busy, busy, busy! Lots of new faces so a big **hello** to all the children that have started at Playgroup, **congratulations** to Eva our new SENCO and to the number of students we'll be hosting from Testbourne.

PRESCHOOL visit – we have arranged some dates in **May** for our playgroup children to visit the preschool prior to starting in September 2019. You will need to stay with your child during the visit, giving you the opportunity to ask staff questions and familiarise your child with the room, garden and toilets. Visits will be 1.30 – 3pm. **See Parent Noticeboard** at the Playgroup setting to sign your child's name against your preferred date.

Reminder: as per nhs guidelines, at both settings we will encourage the children to play in the shade, and wear a **sun hat**, but please do cover exposed parts of your child's skin, not protected by clothing, such as the face, ears, feet and backs of hands with **sunscreen before they arrive**. Use one that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher and protects against UVA and UVB.

SPONSORED Scavenger Hunt –Tuesday 2nd July 9-10am. We're looking forward to your participation at our Summer fundraising event. All the children are invited to arrive at the Primary School Playground at 9am, parents should stay and watch. **Note: sessions at both settings will start after the event at 10am.**

The school will soon be arranging **transition visits for the preschoolers** to the Primary School Reception classrooms. We will keep you informed – **check the Parent Noticeboards** at both settings.

4 Kingdoms Day Out – Thursday 20th June 10-5.30pm. We're pleased to confirm following the success of last year, every child from both settings has been invited at no cost to day out at 4 Kingdoms. Parents/adults need to accompany (and pay a discounted admission fee of £7.50pp) and siblings are welcome too (under 2's are free) for what we hope will be warm sunny day, and an opportunity to meet other parents and chat with the staff. The plan will be to meet at 4 Kingdoms at 10am, bring a picnic and a sun hat! **Note: both settings will be closed.**

The focus at Preschool this half term is **Planting and Growing**

The focus at Playgroup this half term is **Music and Movement**

Dates for the Diary:

May 2019	
various	Preschool visits for Playgroup children to visit the Preschool prior to starting in September 2019. See Parent Noticeboard at Playgroup setting to sign your child's name against your preferred date.
18	<p>Birthday Party – we're celebrating 40yrs with a party... a fundraising family event, everyone is invited and it's free admission! There will be entertainment, activities, games, refreshments and cake! Please join us at St. Mary's Hall between 2pm and 4.30pm.</p> <p>Tombola! We need your donations, anything from Toys to Toiletries, Books to Bottles. Please drop off any items to either setting (Mon-Fri) by Thursday 16th May.</p> <p>Cake! Or Brownies, Cupcakes, Cookies, Muffins...! We need your donations, please drop off any creations to the Community Centre setting on Friday 17th May or on the day of the party at St Mary's Hall anytime after 12pm. Can't have a party without cake :)</p> <p>Volunteers! To make this event great, we need and would appreciate any help you can give. Please speak to any member of the committee to discuss how you can contribute.</p>
25	Table Top Sale & BBQ in aid of Overton Preschool Playgroup's 40th Birthday , organised by The Greyhound, from 1pm in the Courtyard. £5 for a table, ALL of which will be donated. Please book your table in advance from The Greyhound direct. Pop in or call them on 01256 770241.
27	Both settings closed for half term – Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May.
June 2019	
20	4 Kingdoms Day out – all children attending Playgroup and Preschool are free, Parents/Adults must attend (discounted ticket price of £7.50) , siblings are welcome (under 2's are free). Meet at 10am. Both settings will be closed.
24	Inset Day. Both settings will be closed – in line with Overton Primary School.
29	To celebrate 40yrs the ORC is generously hosting a Charity Race Night . Doors will open at 7.30 pm – everyone welcome. £5 a ticket, Tote £1 and sponsored races £10. Buy your Ticket today PayPal committee@overtonplaygroup.com (£5.38 if not paying via Friends or Family) or cash at either setting.
And beyond..	
2 July	Sponsored Scavenger Hunt – 9-10am Primary Playground. For all Playgroup and Preschool children. Parents to stay. Both settings will start after the event at 10am.
23 July	The last day of term, and a Leavers Party for all those starting school in September 2019. Details to follow.
24 July	Both settings closed for Summer Holidays – Wednesday 24th July – Tuesday 3rd September 2019.
4 Sept	Autumn term - SPACES FOR September 2019 We still have some spaces available so do pass on the word to your friends and neighbours that you can register your place with playgroup from birth!
17 Sept	Committee AGM – an opportunity. 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 the staff or committee if you would like to know more.