



Parent Newsletter

March 2022

Mother's Day Tea's: On Friday 25th March we would like to invite Mums (or a parent/granny?) to come and join us for a sing song/story, a cup of tea and a slice of cake at the end of the session. From 11.30am.

Easter Fun: 28th-31st Easter egg hunts, Easter crafts, and baking. These things will happen during normal session times. We will be reading lots of springtime stories.

Parent Consultations: Each Key Person will aim to catch parents for a chat to check that everything is ok, and to discuss your child's next steps before Easter. These are usually held at drop off or pick-up. Please let your child's key person know when would be best for you.

Lunch boxes: We don't have the facility to put lunch boxes in the fridge. An ice pack inside might be a good idea. Please understand we must promote healthy eating see poster: <https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Poster-4.png> or [Lunchbox ideas and recipes - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) Our advice is please do not put too much inside their box. We suggest one treat item such as a cereal bar or a pot of crisps for when they have eaten the main part of their lunch if you wish. An 'achievable amount' of sandwich a yoghurt, and some fruit is a good lunch. Please don't send in lots of food for choice this simply overwhelms them. You know how much your child will actually eat. Water only in drinks bottles.

What to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage: This link provides a really handy document for all parents of playgroup children [What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf](https://foundationyears.org.uk/what-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf) (foundationyears.org.uk) This helps parents understand the Foundation Stage Curriculum and child development.

Essential Items: Please make sure your child has a 'named' coat at playgroup appropriate to the weather, and that they know which coat they have each day. Please remember 'named' wellies for outside play these are *essential* and are easy to put on and take off some children arrive and go home in wellies. This is fine. Hats, gloves, and scarfs can be placed in the box provided. Children also bring a named water bottle (as mentioned before no juice) so that they can help themselves to a drink at any point.

Snack: When you see the box on the gate if you can please donate some money towards our snack fruit offering.

Illness: Please do not send your child back until 48hrs after the last episode of sickness or diarrhea. Please follow our 'Living with Covid' guidelines, but in general please keep your child at home if they are unwell...

Attendance: Please let us know if your child will not be attending playgroup for whatever reason. We are required to log children's attendance in accordance with Early Years Funding that many of our children receive. Please call or text us on 07908 378862 as we cannot guarantee that an email will be picked up during the session.

Turning your car around: Please do not use the space in front of the gate for this. The grass is becoming very muddy and messy. We rent the village hall at the trustees have asked us to pass this message on to you.

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Tapestry: I would like to say a big thank-you to the parents who actively look at the photos and notes we put on tapestry regarding your child... lots of you put comments on, and some of you post your own photos/videos recording what your child does at home. *We absolutely love these*, and we can see that this file will be a lovely keep sake to keep on a memory stick, disk, or hard copy once your child leaves.

Currently mothers are signed in, but if fathers would also like a login this can be arranged, please just ask.

School Places 2022: Please let us know which school your child will be attending once you have heard.

September 2022: We have a Facebook page please follow us and share our posts this is good publicity for us. We are taking bookings ready for September 2022.

Things we use: We use sensitive shaving foam, pasta, jelly, rice and spaghetti regularly for the children to experience sensory play. If you have any of these items at home that you would like to donate, we would be delighted. Other items that you may have and feel happy to donate are:

- Compost
- Pebbles
- A few logs
- A Spirit level
- A wind-up tape measure
- Compost
- Tomato plants x3
- Pumpkin plants
- A courgette plant
- Strawberry plants x2/3
- Tie wraps
- Large garden pots x2
- Geraniums x1 tray
- Lobelia x1 tray
- Clamp type pegs (to make dens with tarpaulin)
- Small cars. Hot wheel type.
- Under the sea animals for the water tray, zoo and farm.
- Geli Baff
- Water squinters x5 the type you water plants with (smallish for little hands!)
- Children's watering cans

Please talk to Michelle before bringing anything in just in case we have been given enough!!

Thank-you for your continued support.

Important Dates: Term ends Friday the 1st of March we return on Tuesday the 19th of April.

Kind Regards

All the staff at Tansor Playgroup