

Stratton Playgroup

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Newsletter - September 2024



Each month you will receive a newsletter via email, if you would prefer a paper copy please let your child's key person know.

We now have a new parents board at our gate entrance.

Displayed here is some information for you.

Each day we will display which staff are working.

Each month we will display dates to remember.

Welcome

We hope that you have had a lovely summer break. We would like to welcome everybody to the start of our autumn term. We are very excited to see our returning children and their families; and welcome our new children and families 😊.

Planning

To begin the term, children will settle into playgroup. They will explore the new environment and the new 'home corner' role play area. The children will take part in various different free choice painting activities.

We will play lots of group games to build friendships. We will also talk about our golden rules and practise using the rules.

We will then make family trees. The children will talk about who is in their family. We will compare family size and different families. The children will talk about any pets they have. We will also make a friendship tree using our handprints for a display. The children will create and draw self-portraits using a range of media and materials.

We will continue with our 'signs' of the week, we will learn two new signs each week.

We will be reading a range of different stories during group times.

Learning intentions for Autumn term 2024 -

- Learning about different families, learning about ourselves, developing positive attitudes about differences between people - [Understanding the world](#)

- Recognise similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries - [Understanding the world](#)
- Notices patterns and arranges things in patterns, compare sizes/amounts, recite numbers to 5 - [Mathematics](#)
- Listen to simple stories and understand what is happening with the help of the pictures - [Communication and language](#)
- Develop their movement skills, moving in a range of different ways - [Physical development](#)
- Increasingly follow rules understanding why they are important, remembering rules without needing to be reminded, participate in routines. - [Personal, social and emotional development](#)

Our Early Starts include breakfast

The children will be offered -

A range of fruits, cereals, yoghurts and toast (waffles and pancakes may also be offered on occasions, and we will take part in some voting with the children to see their preferences).

The early starts open from 8.15am and all children who are attending must be in the playgroup by 8.30am at the latest.

The session will cost £3.75 (the cost will be the same with or without breakfast), the cost of early starts can be covered by your funding - one early start will use $\frac{3}{4}$ hour of your funding.

We would appreciate it if these sessions can be booked in advance, but we do have some flexibility if you need to book in at the last minute.

Returning Parents - Reconfirm contact details.

Next week you will be emailed about reconfirming all your contact details, please do reply to this email promptly to ensure we have all the correct up to date information.

Key Person

Each child is allocated a key person; if you are starting with us this term, you will have received an email informing you of your child's key person, and met them at your child's pre-placement. Returning parents, you were informed via email in July.

OUR TEAM



Kelly - Manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



Anna - Deputy Manager and Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO)



Sam - Early Years Supervisor and Health and Safety



Harri - Early Years Practitioner



Kayleigh - Early Years Practitioner and Behaviour Lead



Gemma - Early Years Practitioner



Roxy - Early Years Practitioner



Liv - Early years Practitioner



Edwina - Administrator and Healthy and Safety

Tapestry changes -

We are currently in the process of potentially making a transition from Tapestry to a new platform called 'family'. Therefore, please bear with us during this time. As soon as there is more information for you about this, we will let you know.

Lending library

We have a successful library service at playgroup. Your child will have the opportunity to choose a book to bring home to share with siblings, parents and grandparents. We have had some lovely feedback from the children about the books they read with their family.

The books can be returned and exchanged for a new one as often as you want; some children chose to keep their books for a week or more, whilst some change theirs every session. Each child has a library card which is stamped with each book read and children receive certificates for reading 5,10,15 and 20 books.

NHS Supervised teeth brushing programme

As a setting we will continue to take part in the NHS Supervised teeth brushing programme. Each morning for 2 minutes the children will brush their teeth as a group. Parents who signed a consent form last year will not need to complete a new one. New parents will have signed one at their child's preplacement visit.

Bupa Dental visit

We will be having a visit from a dental team on Thursday 3rd October PM session. The team will be talking to the children all about how, and the importance of keeping their teeth clean.

Individual Photos

On Wednesday 9th October, Jayne Poole Photography will be in playgroup to take individual photos of the children; siblings/group photos can also be taken. If your child does not attend on this day but you would like to have a photo slot, your child's key person will speak to you nearer the time to arrange a time slot.

Pegs

We have pegs in the playroom for children to hang their belongings on. On arrival to their session children will find their picture and choose a peg to stick it on for the day.

Children's Drawers

Each child has a labelled drawer in the playroom. We encourage the children to use their drawers throughout their sessions; to put things in, such as their jumpers when they get warm, and their artwork. We will also put letters, newsletters, and other forms of written communication in their drawers. We will remind/support children to check their drawer at the end of each session.

Labelled Belongings

Please can we ask that children bring a coat and bag to playgroup each day they attend. To include - spare clothes, weather dependent clothing e.g. gloves, hats - **a labelled water bottle**, and for children that require toileting accessories; nappies, wipes and any other items needed. We suggest that children have a pair of wellies to leave at playgroup. **Please can all children's belongings be clearly labelled.**

Children bringing items into playgroup.

We don't encourage children to bring in items from home as these can become lost or damaged, and cause upset to the children. If your child has something special that they would like to share, could you please speak to your child's key person before the session.

Visits to the Stratton School's - woods and playground track

We are very lucky to be to have access to some of the outdoor space at Stratton School and we will often visit the bike track, woods, field, and the poly tunnel, which are all very popular with the children.

WOW Board

We love to share and celebrate children's WOW moments with them. We display WOW moments in the playroom. If your child has a WOW moment such as, learning to ride their bike, visiting the dentist, new haircut, please let a staff member know and we will fill this in and share it at circle time.

Special Moment's Wall

We love to hear and share yours and your child's special moments; these can be holiday travels - whether this is a day out, weekend away or a longer vacation. As well as visits to the dentist or meeting a new family member.

Session Times

Early Start - drop off can be from 8.15am but no later than 8.30am.

Morning Session - drop off 9:00am.

End of morning session / lunch time - pickups or drop offs (12.00 or 12.30).

Afternoon pick up - from 3:15pm until 3.30pm.

Late fee charge of £7.50 per hour (minimum of £3.75) if you are later than 10 minutes collecting.

Parking, Drop-off & Collection

Please use the main car park. Vehicles **MUST NOT** drive down to playgroup (unless an agreement has been made) as children use this side of the school building for entering and departing.

At drop off time - please enter the playgroup premises down the playgroup pathway. A staff member will greet you at the side gate, to take your child/ren and their belongings into playgroup where another member of staff will meet them.

At collection time - please follow the same procedure as "drop-offs" and wait at the gate for a member of staff to bring your child to you.

Lunch Times

Please provide a packed lunch for your child/ren, and a LABELLED water bottle. We will also offer your child milk.

We would suggest that, where possible, all food is put in easy-open containers / packaging.

Don't forget about cutting grapes, blueberries / cherry tomatoes, etc. lengthways; **NO frubes** please, as they are difficult for children to open; please remember that we have a **NO NUTS** policy.

A Reasonable Amount in Lunch Boxes

Please do not put too much food in your child's lunch box, a nutritionally balanced packed lunch should include a savoury main and some fruit and/or vegetable choices (and no more than 5-6 items).

Labelled Water Bottle

Please ensure your child comes to every session with a labelled water bottle.

Sun Cream

Please check the weather forecast each morning and apply sun cream where you feel necessary.

Birthdays

At Playgroup we celebrate each child's birthday, we provide a cake for the children to enjoy together.

Medicine

It is essential that we are informed if your child has had medicine before attending playgroup. If your child needs to have medicine while at playgroup you will be required to fill in a medicine form, the medicine will be checked by a staff member, and it needs to state clearly - the child's, name, dose and date. Your child should not attend playgroup for the first 24 hours on a new medication. Please do not send your child to playgroup if they are unwell and need Calpol. If your child has an inhaler, this again will need to be clearly labelled.

Pre-Injury forms

If your child has had an injury before attending playgroup, we will ask you to fill in a pre-injury form on arrival to their session.

Attendance

Please ring and let us know if your child will not be attending playgroup for any reason; otherwise, as part of our attendance policy we will have to ring you.

Please remember that children should not attend playgroup if they have a stomach bug and may not return until 48 hours have passed after the last loose movement or vomit.

School applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you will need to apply for a school place for September 2024. **The deadline for applications is 15 January 2025.**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

Updates

We are very proud of our website, where we display all our information; this will also be updated regularly with events and dates. This is available at: www.strattonplaygroup.uk.

We also have Facebook and Instagram - please find us as "**Stratton Playgroup Bude**".

Monthly newsletters - these will be emailed to you each month.

At the end of each session a small description of the session will be written on the easel, outside - weather dependent.

Term Dates

Preplacement Days	Thurs 5 th and Fri 6 th September
Start of Autumn Term 2023	Mon 9 th September
Bupa dental visit	Thursday 3 rd Oct PM Session
Individual photos	Weds 9 th Oct from 8:30 am
Staff fire safety training	CLOSE 1:30 PM Weds 23 rd October
Half-Term	Mon 28 th - Fri 1 st Nov
Last Day	Thurs 19 th Dec
Christmas Party	Fri 20 th Dec
Start of Spring Term 2024	Tues 7 th Jan
School Applications deadline	Weds 15 th Jan
Half-Term	Mon 17 th Feb - Fri 21 st Feb
Last Day	Fri 4 th April
Start of Summer Term 2024	Tues 22 nd April
Bank Holiday	Mon 5 th May
Half-Term	Mon 26 th May - Fri 30 th May
Last Day	Tues 15 th July
Leavers Party	Weds 16 th July

Other dates throughout the year will come up such as celebrations and events days.

Management Committee

Stratton Playgroup is managed by a group of voluntary parents who form a committee. This Committee is made up of Mums, Dads and Carers who have children attending playgroup; and who are willing to give up some of their time in order to assist with the running of the group.

We have been extremely fortunate over the last few years to have had several enthusiastic parents helping on the committee, which has meant that whilst lots more has been achieved, nobody has had to do more than their fair share. If you are interested in joining our committee, please speak to Kelly or Anna.

Our current Committee

Chairperson - Kerriane Inch
Secretary - Edwina Williams
Treasurer - Angela Hawkes

Committee members

Jackie Peirson
Lizzie Laing
Roxy Wilkinson- Hardy

Thank you for your time in reading this very lengthy newsletter, if you have any questions please speak to a member of staff.

Kelly and all the team 😊



Kelly



Anna



Sam



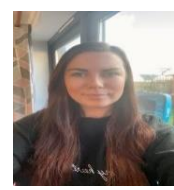
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