

### Our Committee

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## Newsletter 4 - May 2021

### Staff

Bev - Playgroup Leader

Alyson - Deputy Playgroup Leader

Cherril - Play Assistant/Senco

Laura - Play Assistant

Amanda - Play Assistant

### Bank Staff/Voluntary staff

Angela, Kayley

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### Dates for the Diary

Break up for half term - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Inset day - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - No playgroup**

Back to playgroup - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Teddy Bears picnic - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July - 12 - 1.30

End of summer term - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### This week at playgroup

We have been looking at insects, bugs, minibeasts and our pets.

Lots of wonderful bug crafts - these are forming part of our bug display in playgroup. We have had minibeasts in slime. The children have been using tweezers to rescue them. Singing songs, rhymes and reading stories relating to minibeasts.

Beautiful movements using the dancing ribbons to flutter and dance like butterflies and we have 'crawled to the ugly bug ball'

We have used the magnifying glass to search under logs and stones for bugs.

There are some budding vets amongst our children who have enjoyed helping our cuddly animals in our animal hospital.

What a busy week at playgroup.

**Next week:** If your child has a pet, please could they bring in a photo to show and tell.

If they do not have a pet, they can bring a picture or book of anything relating to our minibeasts and pet's theme.

### Animals at playgroup

WOW, what a couple of eggciting weeks!! Last Monday (10<sup>th</sup>) Tilly and her Mum Gemma very kindly brought in an incubator with eggs. The chicks surprised us all by arriving early, there were 5 waiting to greet Alyson and Cherril last Friday morning. Another arrived when the children were being collected at 12 and I was lucky to see one hatch when I went along early Friday evening and then one more on Saturday. The children and staff have loved getting to know the little chicks, it has been a wonderful experience for us all. We would all like to say a huge thank you to Tilly and Gemma for providing this fantastic opportunity and creating special playgroup memories for us all.

We have also had a visit from Cherrils rabbit Cola. The children enjoyed meeting Cola and asked some great questions. Thank you Cherril for bringing Cola to playgroup.

Next week we have a visit from Amanda's tortoise Barry.

### **SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**

If you have any concerns, questions or queries regarding SEND you can contact Cherril, our playgroup SENDCO (Special Educational Needs and Disability coordinator) on the following email:

[senco@woodchesterplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:senco@woodchesterplaygroup.co.uk)

### Photo's

We are just in the process of arranging a photographer to come into playgroup to take a group photo of the children. We will let you know the day/time once the details have been confirmed. If it is not your child's playgroup day then you will be able to pop along with your child for the photo.

### Teddy Bears Picnic - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 12-1.30

We are hoping to have a fun social event for all our children. They can bring along their teddy, a picnic and one adult to accompany them. This will be in our playgroup garden, so hopefully the weather will be on our side!! If you could let us know if you and your child will be attending, this will help us to review our expected numbers and evaluate space available.

### Reminders

- Children to only bring what is necessary to playgroup.
- Provide water bottles with packed lunch.
- please leave promptly once your child has safely lined up in the morning and at afternoon pick up.
- Please ensure your child waits/plays on the playground just before morning drop off.
- No parking on the yellow zigzags outside school.
- Please apply sun lotion to your child before playgroup on sunny days and bring a sun hat.

### Catch up

Please do contact us if you would like to catch up on how your child is getting on. We can then arrange a convenient time for us to telephone you or arrange an informal meeting.