



# KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER

14 January 2021

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Follow us on Facebook for activities, ideas and information. If you are running short of supplies for drawing, let us know. Email or call us if we can help with anything.

## SHOW YOU CARE

Connecting with other people has never been more important for our wellbeing. During lockdown, when we can't physically be with our friends and neighbours, we must find different ways of doing this.

A new campaign for Warwickshire is being launched, called 'Show you Care'. Warwickshire residents are encouraged to display a picture of a heart in their window, or share it on social media, as a tangible sign of solidarity and to show that they are thinking of others during the pandemic.

Displaying or sharing a heart can mean many things, but could include:

- I care about our key workers
- I care about my neighbours
- I care about my grandparents who I haven't been able to see
- I care about missing my school friends and teachers.

A template of hearts for colouring is attached.

## FEES

Playgroup bills for fees for the first half of the spring term have been sent out this week. If you have mislaid your invoice, please ask for a duplicate. If you have any problems in making payments, please speak to Carol as soon as you can. If no payment is made and we have not heard from you, then your child's place may be



## FAMILIES WARWICKSHIRE MAGAZINE

[Click here](#) to read the January / February edition of Families Warwickshire magazine. It is full of useful information and ideas.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

The deadline for on-time applications is **11.59am on 15 January 2021**.

Submitting an application by the deadline is crucial; late applications are processed after those which were submitted on time. This means you may not get a place at your preferred school.

## AMAZON SMILE

If you are shopping at Amazon, please support us by using AmazonSmile. This link will take you directly to support Kineton Playgroup.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1115513-0>

### LEARNING TO BE INDEPENDENT, HEALTHY & SAFE

Throughout their time at playgroup and KASC, we encourage the children to be as independent as possible. We won't manage everything but we can try - and a little encouragement with the following can work wonders.

- Help children to take responsibility for their belongings by asking them to carry all their own things to and from playgroup and KASC sessions, and to find them at the end of sessions, eg allowing children to find their own lunch box on the way out
- Help your child recognise their own belongings. As well as writing their name, customise them with a keyring or a patterned ribbon for instant recognition (a lot of children have exactly the same uniform or lunch box)
- At home encourage your child to find toys and clothes on their own and to tidy them away when they have finished playing - this is something to aim for!
- Allow your child to make safe choices - give them a choice of two options (more just makes them cross). Does it matter that the red trousers don't go with the pink top?
- Provide clothes that your child can manage to get on and off on their own (elastic waists, zips not buttons, velcro not laces), and encourage them to manage their own clothes whenever they get dressed or undressed - they are really proud of themselves when they can do it
- (Getting a bit basic here). Support children to go to the toilet on their own - eg wiping their own bottom (front to back for girls), stand up wees for boys (with some direction control!) and pulling their clothes down far enough so that they don't get wet or dirty (for everyone). Of course we remind the children and help them, especially if they are just learning, but we work towards them being able to do these things for themselves - it's really not appropriate for us to inspect bottoms on a regular basis.
- Encourage children to blow their noses into a tissue and then to put the tissue in a bin, rather than sniffing or wiping their noses on their sleeves.
- When we were younger we were taught to cough into our hand, but advice is now to cough into a tissue (and then bin it) or to cough into our elbow. This is to stop the infection route of germs being transferred from cough > hand > a toy or other surface > the next child's hand > infect the next child.
- Hand washing and drying is very important. We wash hands regularly before snack and lunch times, after playing outside, after using the toilet, whenever our hands look dirty and at several other times during the day. We tell the children the dirt we can see isn't usually as nasty as the sneaky germs we can't see! It's also very important to wash your hands all over and to dry them thoroughly afterwards.

Spring term 2021:

Tuesday 05 January to Thursday 01 April 2021  
Half term: Monday 15 to Friday 19 February 2021  
Monday 19 April to Wednesday 21 July 2021  
Half term: Tuesday 01 to Friday 04 June 2021

Summer term 2021:

