



KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER

06 May 2021

READING & WRITING PARENT INFORMATION:

TUESDAY 11 MAY, 7.30PM VIA ZOOM

A chance to think about everyday activities and the building blocks underpinning reading and writing. [Link in the newsletter covering email.](#)

TREE PLANTING

The Woodland Trust has sent us a large number of native hedgerow saplings. Now we have had some rain, we would like to plant them! Small working parties will be in action on Friday morning after drop off and Monday evening after pick up - please let us know if you would like to join in.

PARKING ON KING JOHN'S ROAD

Please do not block dropped kerbs and driveways. Avoid driving on or parking on King John's Road if possible, but if you need to park on that road, please do so considerately.

MAY IS NATIONAL SMILE MONTH!

It's National Smile Month this month. We are talking about teeth and how to look after them, and have acquired enough toothbrushes for everyone to take one home. We do this every year and it is usually very popular - and can be a useful lead in for a trip to the dentist!

PLAY DATES & PARENT MEETS

Now that Covid restrictions are easing, a few parents have asked if we can put them in touch with other parents for play dates and/ or meets. Obviously we do not pass on any contact details without permission, but if you would like to meet up and are happy for your details to be shared, please let us know.



SPRING CLEANING OPPORTUNITIES!

1) BAG 2 SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: 11 MAY

Recycle unwanted clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories and help us to raise funds for Playgroup (No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets, bedding, curtains, soft toys or pieces of fabric please)

Fill as many large bin bags as you can and drop them off at Kineton Village Hall between 7.00am and 9.00am on Tuesday 11 May. Please only drop off on that morning as there is nowhere to store the bags overnight.

2) RE-PURPOSE OLD KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

We would like to re-stock our mud kitchens, and so would be grateful for any old pots, pans, cake tins, spoons and other kitchen equipment, if you are thinking of getting rid of any.

3) SUITCASES

Old suitcases with broken wheels, locks and straps make great small world storage kits, so we can put all sort of resources together - eg dinosaur world - which can be played with, easily put back and the lid closed! Please pass any you are getting rid of in our direction.

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION HEALTH CHECKS: BOOSTERS, TEETH, HEARING, EYESIGHT

Pre-school boosters and other childhood immunisations. If you have not been contacted by your GP for your child's regular immunisations, then please check with your surgery that you have not missed any appointments. Although the childhood immunisation programme has continued throughout the pandemic, understandably some communications have gone astray so it is a good idea to check all is in order.

Teeth and dental checks. Dental decay and gum disease in children is on the increase, and can lead to other illnesses as well as pain and discomfort. Try to get your children used to regular check-ups as early as you can. Dentists are now offering appointments in compliance with Covid advice, but most practices do have a longer wait time than usual. . A quick check-up before they need to have anything done is a fun experience for children (usually involving stickers).

Hearing checks and Audiology. If you have any concerns about your child's hearing, please contact your Health Visitor or GP for a referral to the Audiology department. Glue ear is very common in young children and, although temporary, can affect adversely their speech sound development. If you are at all concerned about your child's speech (the sounds) or language (the words they use and understand), please let us know so we discuss it further.

Eyesight and visits to the Opticians. You do not have to wait until a child can read to visit the opticians - even newborn babies can have sight tests. Sight tests for children are free, and again it is really worthwhile to have their sight checked before they start trying to read or write - these are big things to learn for everyone and even more tricky if you are finding it difficult to see letters and numbers clearly. Children may not know their eyesight is unclear if that is the way they have always seen the world, so again do not wait until the start of school but try to arrange a check now.

50 THINGS TO DO IN WARWICKSHIRE BEFORE YOU ARE 5

A menu of exciting activities for families in Warwickshire with young children, with great suggestions for how to have fun and learn at the same time.

<https://warwickshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome>

NO MOW MAY

Plantlife has launched 'No Mow May', a rallying cry to put our mowers away for the month and let the flowers grow ahead of the Every Flower Counts survey at the end of May. You will see that the flowers are flourishing on the grass at the front of Playgroup. More details are attached.

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

