

# Gotham Playgroup Newsletter

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## Summer Term

Welcome back all after half term! We all hope you had a nice week off and are ready and rearing for the last term of the academic year! This news letter will contain some more dates for your diaries as well as different EYFS goals for us to link into our final term here.

**Transition days are coming up very soon!** Here is all the information you need for your child if they are transitioning up to school in September:

Dates: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (All 9:05- Noon)

On transition days Mrs Allen will be at the main gate and can direct you to the Oak Class area.

Please wait outside the side gate of Oak class until the teacher, Mrs Cobbe or Mrs Shaw, and the teaching assistant, Mrs Sharp, come and collect you. The current Oak class children will come into school at 8:55am and after registration will move through to their new class. The new starters will be collected from the gate. Please be patient, sometimes this can take longer than anticipated.

At collection time, the Oak class staff will bring the children up to the main school gate to meet you, **if children stay in the afternoon at playgroup on these days our staff will collect children and we will bring them into playgroup for the afternoon.**

**Personal, social and emotional development (PSED):** Talking with others to resolve conflicts, become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, be increasingly independent with their own care needs e.g going to the toilet, washing hands etc.

**Communication and language (CL):** learn and use new vocabulary through the day and in different contexts, ask questions to find out more information.

**Literacy:** Read individual letters by saying the sounds of them, write some or all of their own names and recognise which name is theirs.

**Mathematics:** Be able to show 'finger numbers' up to 5, compare quantities using language e.g 'fewer than' 'more than'.

**Understanding the world:** Talk about members of their immediate family and community around them, Describe what they can hear, feel and see while they are playing outside and recognise environments that are different from the one that they live in.

**Physical Development (PD):** Continue to develop their movement and balancing skills, Start taking part in some group activities which they make up for themselves or with their friends.

**Expressive arts + designs (EAD):** Create their own song or improvise a song in which they already know, responding to things that they have heard and their thoughts and feelings on what they are hearing.

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## General Information

**Childcare vouchers** – Playgroup can accept Childcare Vouchers from your work place. Please ask a member of staff for more details.

**Contact Details** – The mobile number for playgroup is **07480 708965**. There isn't a 24/7 contact number for playgroup. You can leave a message on **07480 708965** or contact the primary school.

**Clothing** – Please send your child with a clearly labelled coat and hat. Sensible shoes please! Children also need to wear a red polo shirt. This is a condition placed on Gotham playgroup by Gotham Primary School. Playgroup t-shirts and fleeces can be bought from playgroup. Please see a member of staff to purchase one. T-shirts are £7.50 and fleeces are £15

**Absences** – Please inform playgroup in advance if your child will be on holiday during term time. This helps staff with the planning of activities. If your child is ill please ring or text playgroup as soon as possible in the morning; Please keep children off playgroup for 48 hours after being ill. Fees are still payable when children are off.

**Medicines** – Please **DO NOT** send any medicines/creams to playgroup in your child's bag. Only prescription medication can be given and this medicine needs to be handed to staff and kept in the medical cupboard.

**Home Details** – Please do keep playgroup updated with any change in contact details. We would like to start communicating more via email so please do inform us of your email address.

**Dietary Requirements** - Please do inform staff of any changes in dietary requirements your child may have.

**Show & Tell** – Show and tell is on **MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**. One item a week please!

**Policies & Procedures** – These are always available to read and are located in a green folder inside playgroup. They have recently been updated and we encourage you to take a look.

## Dates for your diaries!

**17<sup>th</sup> of June – INSET DAY**

**19<sup>th</sup> of July – Last day of term, break up for the summer holidays**

**Playgroup will return on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

The committee is looking for some new members to join their team!

Anyone interested please email playgroup at [gothamplaygroup@live.co.uk](mailto:gothamplaygroup@live.co.uk) or talk to a member of staff or committee.

# More news

## IMPORTANT NEWS!

If it is a rainy morning please feel free to enter the gate and wait with children underneath the shelter – due to insurance policies we cannot take unaccompanied children inside before playgroup starts at 9am

Could clothes please be clearly labelled with children's names to help us sort out whose is whose at the end of the day!

Also for parents who are potty training their children at home feel free to pack extra clothes for us to use!

## Sunshine time!

With the new summer weather kicking in we are please advising parents to pack sun cream and hats for the children!



## Funding

Starting from April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded in phases. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support.

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

## Summer term

### Final term!

#### What are we learning this term at playgroup?

#### (w/c)

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Settling in + colours and names

10<sup>th</sup> June – Father's day, following instructions and fine motor skills – Letter of the Week is 'G' - Germany

17<sup>th</sup> June – Numbers, money and positional language – Letter of the week is 'H' - Holland

24<sup>th</sup> June – Dressing self-care and changing for P.E – Letter of the week is 'I' – Ireland

1<sup>st</sup> July – Trays/Dining hall transition visit – Letter of the week is 'J' – Jamacia

8<sup>th</sup> July – Names and initials (Letters) – Letter of the week is 'K' - Korea

15<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers week – Week of special activities

BREAK UP FOR SUMMER ON THE  
19<sup>th</sup> OF JULY