

Raunds Child Centre

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Welcome to Playgroup

Welcome back to playgroup, we trust you had a very enjoyable Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to **wish you all the best for 2011.**

We have some new starters joining us this term, we welcome you and hope to ensure your child gets the best start in Early Years education possible. If you have any queries or concerns please speak to Donna/Jenny or your Childs keyworker in confidence.

Adverse Weather Conditions

Please note we will endeavour to remain open at all times, we are however, subject to other implications i.e. Manor school site closing, heating not working etc. We will try to post a message onto our website as soon as a decision is made to close.

Sickness and Illness

Flu and Chicken Pox has unfortunately hit playgroup hard since returning from the Christmas break. If your child is unwell please keep him/her away from playgroup until all symptoms have passed or advised differently by your GP.

Please also be advised that if your child has suffered from Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting we ask that the child does not return until 48 hours after the last symptom and is feeling well.

Can you please inform us via telephone if you expect your child to be away from playgroup for any longer than 2 days.

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HONORARY

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 25th November.

I can now confirm the following committee appointments:

Stefanie Gray	Chairperson
Natalie Belsey	Secretary
Stephanie Kirbyshire	Treasurer
Barbara Drysdale	General Member/Health & Safety Officer
Nicola Barker	General Member/Fund Raising
Emily Avis	General Member
Dayna Parish	General Member/Inventory Secretary/Marketing and Advertising
Julia Bowles	General Member
Natalie Carter	General Member/Playgroup Head Gardener
Abbie Bandy	General Member

FUND RAISING NEWS:

Bags2School has been very successful again, Thank you to all who cleared out wardrobes and drawers. A cheque for the sum of 64.40 has been received and will be spent on resources and toys for the children. A special thanks to Nicola Barker for arranging it all.

Tempest Photography a cheque for the sum of £103.66 has been received as the commission for all of your photography orders. Thank you for spending so much. Again the money will be used for resources and toys.

LUNCH CLUB



Please provide your child/ren with a nutritious and healthy lunch. We would normally expect to see : a filled sandwich, roll or pitta bread, a piece of fruit or raisins, a yoghurt/fromage frais or jelly, fruit cake, and a drink (not fizzy). This list is not a requirement but merely a guide.

Please also bear in mind that portion sizes need to be limited to what is easily managed. The children may be hungry but they are not about to climb Mount Everest!!!

Change of details and/or allergies

Please inform us immediately of any change of details ie. address, telephone numbers and health issues such as allergies and/or medication.

Thank you for your co-operation in paying the fees in advance as required by our policies. This is working well and cuts down on a lot of chasing. Please, speak to Caroline if you are experiencing any difficulties as it is often better to know in advance rather than later.

Uniform

Not compulsory

Sweatshirts	£7.50
Polo shirt	£6.50
Bag	£4.50

Available in both purple and green.

Please provide a named **change of clothes** in a named bag as your child may require changing for a variety of reasons i.e. Messy/water play or toileting accidents.

A Suggestion Box is placed in the entrance foyer. If you do have any ideas or suggestions please let us know about them. You do not have to give your name if you prefer not to.

Parking Please do not park in the Manor school car park or park in the bus bay when dropping off and collecting children.

Parent rota and Washing up rota

Are you able to help at pre-school? We always welcome parent/carers help whether it be for the whole session or just for half an hour to help to load the dishwasher and tidy the kitchen. It is a lovely way of seeing how your child interacts at playgroup and it would be very much appreciated by the staff. Please fill in the applicable rota which is placed on the parent information board. We take the safeguarding of children seriously and criminal records check (CRB) will need to be carried out before volunteers can attend.

Please see Caroline for the relevant forms.

Voluntary Snack Money

We have now been operating voluntary snack contributions since last June. Because of this the children have been experiencing a wide variety of snacks and in some instances preparing them also i.e. Smoothies, dips, coleslaw, fruit salad, pizza, etc. The suggested amount is 20p per session and can be paid daily, weekly or half termly at the beginning of each session. Thank you to all who contribute, without your contributions our snacks will be limited.

Funding -Parents of those Children entitled to funding will be asked to sign the funding form within the next 2 weeks. Failure to sign will result in lost funding. We offer the 38 week contract which gives all eligible children 15 hours per week of Free Entitlement. A maximum of 2 settings may provide the childcare subject to both settings offering the 38 week contract. Please speak to Caroline if you have any concerns or queries.

Late Pick Up Charges

Please be aware turning up late to collect your child not only causes upset in some cases but also has an effect on our staffing arrangements. We do impose a discretionary £5 charge on late collections which covers the first 5 minutes, each additional 5 minutes or part of is then charged. We do of course appreciate that hold ups can be caused by things out of your control but may we please ask you to contact us as soon as is possible to ensure your child is put at ease.

Staff Training

Leanne has now been appointed as our training co-ordinator in the setting. A variety of training is undertaken by all staff to help improve the quality of the provision for you and your child. The most recent training courses attended include: Safer Recruitment, Protective Behaviours through Circle Time, SENCo including Additional Needs, Letters and Sounds, eCaf, Inclusion, Food and Hygiene, Health and Safety, Reviewing and Tracking, Well Being and Involvement. Donna has now also embarked upon her Foundation Degree. Obviously the staff undertake some of these courses during the working week, Donnas in particular entails block weeks away, therefore their absence is usually covered by other staff members or voluntary helpers. We hope that by the staff participating in these courses reflect to you their commitment within the setting.

THANKS GIRLS, for your continued professional development.

Dates to Remember 2011



Term 3

Term Ends Friday 18th February 2011

Term 4

Term Starts Monday 28th February 2011

Term Ends Friday 8th April 2011

Term 5

Training Day Tuesday 26th April 2011

Term Starts Wednesday 27th April 2011

Bank Holiday (Royal Wedding) Friday 29th April 2011

Early May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2011

Term Ends Friday 27th May 2011

Term 6

Term Starts Monday 6th June 2011

Tempest Photography Friday 17th June 2011

Term Ends Friday 22nd July 2011