

Raunds Child Centre

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Welcome to Playgroup

Welcome back to playgroup, wow, we have had a lot of holidays. We hope you are all now feeling fully refreshed and ready for the summer term.

We trust you have noticed the painting of the boards on the mobile unit along with other essential maintenance such as the removal of rotten wood, new guttering, re-painting of the black boards etc. This all took place over the holidays to avoid any disruption to yourselves or to your child.

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.

Weather Conditions

Please ensure your child is well protected with **sun cream** before attending playgroup - even if the sun is not shining before you leave the house. For children staying with us all day, we will re-apply sun cream (factor 50 hypoallergenic), if you require a particular brand for your child please provide your own labelled lotion.

Sunhats - please provide for your child on a daily basis.

Footwear - please ensure your child wears suitable footwear: flip flops are not deemed as suitable.

If your child is not suitably protected from the sun or dressed with suitable footwear he or she may not be able to access the outside area.

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FUND RAISING NEWS:

A huge and special thank you to **Dayna** – our **Easter Raffle** fund raising queen. An amount of **£47.10** was raised. Also special thanks to the companies and organisations she managed to persuade to donate the prizes. They include:

Raunds Co-op - £15 Gift Voucher
Waitrose - £10 worth of Easter Eggs and Chocolates
Tesco - £10 Gift Voucher
Its a Knockout – A Variety of gifts
Dr. Fish – A 15 Minute Treatment
FM Hairdressers – Cut and Blow Dry
Nene Valley Osteopathy – Consultation with Treatment

Dress up week raised **£14**. Thank you to all who contributed, the children and staff had a lovely time.

We have a **Bags2School** coming up – collection of the bags will be on **FRIDAY 20th MAY**. Please give clean clothes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, belts, handbags and shoes (Please tie shoes together). Please use ordinary bin bags if required.

TESCO & SAINSBURY VOUCHERS:- We are collecting these vouchers to provide further equipment for the children, please bring them in and post them in the relevant boxes. Thank you.

Congratulations to Stefanie Gray – our Chairperson for successfully completing her NVQ Level 3 in Childcare Learning and Development.

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 details.

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.

Uniform

Not compulsory

Sweatshirts	£7.50
Polo shirt	£6.50
Bag	£4.50

Available in both purple and green.

Parking

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

Please **name all clothes** and 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.

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.

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.

FEES: 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.

Sickness and Illness

Please 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.

Voluntary Snack Money

We have now been operating voluntary snack contributions since last June.

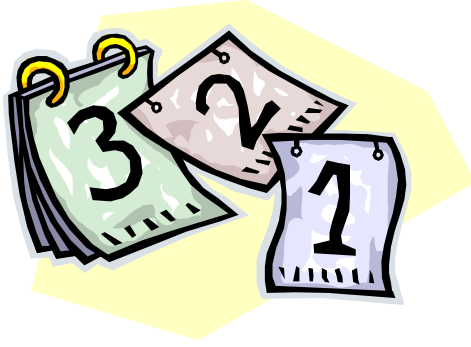
Because of this the children have been experiencing a wide variety of snacks and in some instances preparing them also i.e. Smoothies, dips, coleslaw, fruit salad, pizza, etc. The suggested amount is 20p per session and can be paid daily, weekly or half termly at the beginning of each session. Thank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

LUNCH CLUB Please bear in mind the weather is now warmer, if possible can you please include an ice pack within the lunch box. Making the sandwiches the night before and storing in the fridge overnight will also help if an ice pack is not possible. 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.

Dates to Remember 2011



Term 5

Term Ends Friday 27th May 2011

Term 6

Term Starts Monday 6th June 2011

Tempest Photography Friday 17th June 2011

Puppet Show Thursday 14th July 2011

Term Ends Friday 22nd July 2011

NB: WE WILL NOT BE CLOSING ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE

(Park Road and St. Peters are closed on Monday 6th June)