



September

Newsletter 2021

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Playways Pre-school to both our existing and new families. We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to the new term ahead. A big thank you to everyone who kindly gave the staff cards and presents at the end of last term. It is very kind of you all and very much appreciated.

There is lots of information on our website and it will have our latest newsletters and information about what's happening in the setting. Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions for it

www.playwayspreschool.co.uk

Key Person Buddy System

Teresa	-	Fae
Fae	-	Teresa
Angie	-	Baljit
Baljit	-	Angie
Kim	-	Sally
Sally	-	Kim

Snack Time

The children in the morning session are provided each day with a healthy snack and drink. To help with the purchase of this we ask for a small donation which your child can put in our 'Snack Pig' which is placed by the front entrance.

Absences

If your child is unable to attend due to sickness/holiday, could you please let us know by calling or texting the Playways mobile. If we do not receive any call or text we will, in the interest of safeguarding contact you to ensure everything is ok.

Collection of children

Please remember to collect your child promptly at the end of each session. It can be very unsettling for a child to be left in the setting when all the other children have been collected. This is particularly important to minimise disruption at 12pm when we have children leaving and arriving. We open the door 5 minutes prior to the end time.

If you are late for collection, it may result in a charge.

Coming up

Harvest Festival 26th September 2021

We will have a box in the setting for Harvest Festival donations. If you have any spare non-perishable food items you can donate, we will make a food hamper to pass on to the Church who will distribute it to people in the community who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Outside Play

We are very lucky at Playways to have such a large outside area for the children to play in and we do use it all the year round, therefore please ensure your children are dressed according to the weather.

Please also ensure their coats/hats/wellies etc. have their names written in them as trying to locate every child's outerwear when we want to go out to play is extremely time consuming.

If it is wet outside, please send your child in with wellington/waterproof boots for splashing in puddles and playing in mud. In our garden, we do have our mud kitchen, so don't be alarmed if your children come home quite mucky! Please do not send them to school in decent clothes that you do not want to get dirty or stained.

On that note, we have uniform order forms at the entrance to the setting and sending your child into school in Playways uniform will ensure their best clothes, stay best!!

ParentMail

ParentMail is a service used by over 6000 schools, nurseries and children's clubs to communicate with parents.

Communicating with parents is an important part of what we do, trying to ensure that you get the correct information from us.

This is the way we contact parents with news from the Preschool. Please download the App so you never miss what's going on!

Facebook

We have 2 Facebook pages.

[Playways Parents](#) is a private group for current parents and staff only. If you would like to join, please send us a request and one of the administrators will accept you.

[Playways Preschool](#) is a public page so please follow us!

Dear Parent,

Improving School Communications with ParentMail

Communicating with parents is an important part of what we do, making sure you get the correct information about school news, activities and things that really matter is something we care about.

From 1st December 2018 we will be using ParentMail, a service used by over 6,000 schools, nurseries and children's clubs to communicate to parents. ParentMail will be beneficial to you because you can:

- Use a free mobile app on Android and iOS to pick up school messages instantly.
- Have an account simply for school messages (away from your busy email inbox!)
- Connect to other schools, nurseries or clubs that use ParentMail.
- Highlight important messages or archive old messages to make life easier.
- Messages can be sent directly to mums, dads and carers – even grandparents!

Registering with ParentMail is very easy! Over the next few days you will be sent an email from ParentMail, when you receive this please just follow the instructions in the message.

Please be assured that ParentMail is registered with the Information Commissioner and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best user experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please visit the help site: www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/ or if you have not received any contact from ParentMail within 7days please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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