#### THE WENDY HOUSE

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## **NEWSLETTER**

#### **TERM DATES**

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2024	
Return Spring 2024	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2024
Break up Half Term	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024
Return from Half term	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024
Break up for Easter	28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Summer Term starts	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Polling day <b>CLOSED</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024
May Bank holiday <b>CLOSED</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Break up for Half term	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Return from half term	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
Break up for Summer	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Summer Party	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Return	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Other dates	
Committee meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024
AGM Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
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#### **ALLERGIES**

Could we please remind all parents not to place medication or food in their bag, please hand these items to a member of staff on the door.

### AVAILABLE SPACES

We do have a few spaces left, if you would like to increase hours or know anyone either family or friends that might be interested, please come and discuss it further with Wendy/Charlotte.

# January 2024

#### Welcome back.

All the staff at The Wendy House wish all our families a Happy New Year for 2024.

The playgroups' theme this Term is Mrs Honey's Hat.

## 30 HOUR FUNDING

Please don't forget to renew your code or apply for funding before the 31<sup>st</sup> March at the latest to ensure you get the code with no issues. <a href="https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk">www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</a>

# IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL NEXT SEPTEMBER?

Please remember the closing date for applications is

# Monday 15th January 2024

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, then they will be due to start school in September 2024. Now is the time to think about starting the admission process. You can apply online at <a href="https://www.Milton-keynes.gov.uk/school-admissions">www.Milton-keynes.gov.uk/school-admissions</a>

### PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD AND US

### COLD WEATHER

While we still have the cold and wet weather can we please ensure that all children have appropriate clothing for going outside. If they come to playgroup with wellies, could we please place a change of shoes in their bag.

We also want to continue to promote independence for all children. Please can all children put bags/lunch boxes on the trolley and carry in their own coat or hat to place on the peg. Also, if buying new coats, shoes please consider the ease with which the children can put on/take off themselves. Some shoes and trainers with laces (fixed or otherwise) can be very hard for the children and staff to get on and off.

Could we please ask if your child has received either a new coat, lunch box or bag that their name is placed on them.

### DONATIONS OF WELLIES

We are looking for donations of wellies size 9, 10 and 11 if you have any at home, we would be most grateful.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The playgroup is a charity and is managed by a volunteer committee of parents. A number of our current committee member will be standing down as their children have already left. We will therefore be needing some new members. If you are interested and/or would like to know more, please speak to Charlotte or Wendy. The next meeting is on Tuesday 23rd January at the River Valley Centre.