

## THE WENDY HOUSE

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## NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2024

### TERM DATES

2024/25

Break up Half Term	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Return	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Break up for Xmas	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Return Spring 2025	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Break up Half Term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Return	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Break up for Summer term	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr
Summer Term starts	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr

### Other dates

Christmas Party 2024	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Committee meeting @7:30pm	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct

We have now been back at playgroup for a couple of weeks and all our children both new and old have been settling in very well. If you wish to speak to your child's key worker please ask and we will be able to update you on their progress.

### ABSENCE

Please let us know at your earliest opportunity if your child is not going to be in playgroup due to sickness, holiday etc. So that we are able to keep our registers upto date.

### COLLECTION

Please be mindful that there are other user of the hall. Our session ends at 3:30. If you are late to collect your child without prior approval from Wendy you may be charged a late fee.

### 30 HOUR FUNDING

Please don't forget to renew your code **or apply** for funding before the 31<sup>st</sup> December at the latest to ensure you get the code with no problems. [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### PAYMENT BY CARD

We now have a Card Machine, which enables us to receive payment via card/phone. For more information please speak to Charlotte.

### AVAILABLE SPACES

We do still 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.

### PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD AND US

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.

### **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.

### **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 Anne or Wendy. The next meeting is on **October 2nd 7.30pm at the River Valley Centre.***

### **TARGETS FOR THIS TERM**

Below is a list of all targets that our children will be working towards. If you have any questions please come and see Wendy.

**MATHS** - Colours / Shapes.

**LITERACY** - Finding our name.

**PHYSICAL** - Riding a scooter, fine motor skills, drawing circles.

**EMOTIONAL SKILLS** - Sharing.

**SOCIAL SKILLS** - Helping others.

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS** - Asking for help.

**SELF HELP SKILLS** - At snack time, washing up/pouring milk/choosing/helping yourself.

**WORLD** - Painting with different tools.

**KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING of the WORLD** - Painting with different tools.

### **GIFT SHOP DONATIONS**

We are looking to do our very successful gift shop again this year. The children had so much fun doing this last year, and we would kindly ask if you were able to offer donations, it could be anything from sweets, smellies, arts and crafts, Cuddly toys, toys, alcohol anything you feel would be suitable. We will place a basket in the foyer nearer the time for your convenience. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to Nicky Yellow or Wendy.

### **MACMILLAN CAKE SALE**

We will be holding a cake sale that will be held before and after our sessions on the 15th, 16th and 17th October. Please feel free to bake / donate any cakes that we can sell. Please remember to bring your pennies as we can only accept cash for all fundraising events.

### **RAFFLE**

We will be selling raffle tickets from Wednesday 26th September until Wednesday 9th October. It will be £1.00 for a strip of 5 and all proceeds will go towards buying activities for the children, so please remember to bring your pennies as we can only take cash for fundraising. There are 16 amazing bundles in total to possibly win.

