

THE WENDY HOUSE

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NEWSLETTER

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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.

Could we please ask that once your child has settled into playgroup, they leave their toys, teddies, comforters etc at home.

We have a lot of resources and it can be challenging and cause children to be upset if their items cannot be found either during or at the end of the session.

COLLECTION

If your child attends either a morning or afternoon session please note that the morning session ends at 12:00 and the afternoon session ends at 3:30.

Please be mindful for our children that are staying for lunch, collecting your child late may upset the other children. If your child is staying for the afternoon session we do open the doors at 3:15 - 3:20 to accommodate siblings school pick ups. You are welcome to collect your child between 3:15 and 3:30 but please no later than this due to other users of the hall. Please speak to either Wendy, Nicky or Nikki if you think you may be late. If you are late to collect your child without prior approval you may be charged a late fee.

CHANGE OF FEES

If you have received an invoice from us you may have noticed that the session fees have been increased from £14.00 to £15.00. If you have any questions please come and speak to either Wendy or Charlotte.

TERM DATES

2025

Break up Half Term	Friday 14th Feb
Return	Monday 24th Feb
Break up for Summer term	Fri 4th Apr
Summer Term starts	Tue 22nd Apr
Break up Half Term	Fri 23rd May
Return	Mon 2nd Jun
Break up for Summer	Thurs 17th Jul
Summer Party	Fri 18th Jul
Parents Evening	Fri 14th Mar
May Bank holiday	Mon 5th May

Other dates

AGM	Tue 4th Mar
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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.

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. You can do this by Whats App pr text us using our mobile number: 07359 777267.

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.

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.

30 HOUR FUNDING

Please don't forget to renew your code **or apply** for funding before the 31st March at the latest to ensure you get the code with no problems. www.childcarechoices.gov.uk any questions please come and speak to Charlotte.

CHANGE OF BANK DETAILS

We have changed our bank details so if you have received any form of invoice from The Wendy House could you please use the following details:

Metro
A/c 54453655
Sort Code: 23-05-80
Emerson Valley Playgroup
REF: Childs Name.

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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. Trainers with fixed laces can be **very hard** for the children and staff to get on and off. Our preference is velcro shoes/trainers. We would not expect children to do laces at this stage. There will be a box on the bag trolley to place all water bottles that your child may need for lunch.

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.

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

ST MARKS MEALS

We are pleased to be able to share that we have partnered with St Marks meals. A registered Charity which provides meal boxes to ensure children are not going hungry. We are able to pass these meal boxes on to our families in times of financial or other difficulties. If you, or someone you know is struggling please speak to Wendy or Nicky. Please don't be offended if you are offered a meal box, we know not everyone likes to ask for help, we just want to make your day a little easier.

CLOTHES RACK

We have a rack placed outside playgroup. These are preloved coats, jumpers, footwear, pyjamas and books. Everything on this rack is FREE. If your child or a child you know needs or could benefit from anything on this rack please help yourself. We are grateful for any donations of coats etc for our rack.

BOOKS

We have lots of books and resources available that are available for parents to borrow as part of our lending library. please let us know if you would like to borrow any:

- Dual language books
- Potty training books
- Behaviour and wellbeing books.

STAFFING UPDATES

Since our last news letter both Tina and Sophie have moved onto pastures new. All at the Wendy House wish them every success.

If either Tina or Sophie was your child's Key worker you will be notified of their new key worker.