



# The Play Times

Great Gransden Pre-school Playgroup Newsletter

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## Our Topics:

- Winter/Town & Transport

## Cooking weeks:

- W/B 30th Jan- Jam Tarts

## Dates for your diary:

- W/B 20th Feb-Key person Chats
- W/B 5th March Sponsored Trike Ride

Please see our [website](#) for info on Current Topics and At-Home-Activities.

Also, the Information Booklet has lots of helpful information

## Snacktime



Please can you bring in fruit for the children's snacktime. [Bananas, grapes, apples etc] **Thank you** to those who regularly donate fruit.

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back, We hope you all had a great Christmas break.

## Christmas Party & Concert



These were enjoyed by all so thank you to the parents who supported us by coming along to watch or by providing party food and making or buying cakes from the cake stall. Also a big THANKYOU to the committee for serving mince pies/ mulled wine and running the cake stall.

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We have several people to thank for their help last term, firstly to Charlie Hughes dad Peter for helping to dig our vegetable patches ready for us to start planting again - onions are already well on their way.

Thanks to Mr & Mrs. Kennedy for donating and planting a new pear tree - we are looking forward to watching the fruit grow.



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Thanks to Charlotte and her family for having Snuffle and Spike and also Thanks to Sam and his family for looking after the fish over the Christmas holi-

## Welcome to all our new Families.

We have twelve new children joining us this term so a big welcome and please do not hesitate to ask Liz,, Cindy, Mandy or any member of staff if you have any questions.

## Chinese New year



We shall be celebrating Chinese new year with the children. This year it begins on the 23rd January and is the year of the Dragon - so watch out there may be some dragons coming home!

## Clothes

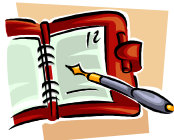


Please ensure that ALL clothes are named , and that as the weather is now turning colder, that your child/ ren dresses appropriately, needing waterproof shoes (not doodles) warm coats/hats/gloves for playtimes as we WILL be going outside everyday whatever the weather.

## Wanted!

Planning ahead, please speak to Liz if you are interested and able to give either the guinea pigs or fish a home over the February half term or the Easter holidays.

## Helper Rota



**THANK YOU** very much to all Parents who have been in to see their children at play/help with prep/chat to the staff. The children have really enjoyed having their Parents in and we hope parents have enjoyed seeing your child/ren play with their peers etc. Also this is a very good opportunity to look through your child's folder. Do please continue to come in once or twice a term if you can. Parents of new children are advised to wait until they are settled before putting your name down on the helper rota (situated in the lobby - please ask a member of staff if you are not sure where/what to do)

## Sickness



To help avoid spreading of germs etc, please note if your child is unwell/needs calpol to keep a temperature down, then they are not well enough to attend playgroup therefore please **DO NOT** bring in even if they say they want to come in [ A clear 24 hours is needed before return to Playgroup]

**Also Please let us know by phone/ e-mail if your child has an infectious illness - as we have a duty to inform others. Thankyou.**

## Easter Event

Watch out for further information on our Easter event. This is a fun afternoon for all children (and parents).

## Key Person chats



For **all** parents/ carers we would like to offer you a chat with your child's Keyperson during the week beginning 20th February. We will send out forms nearer the time and ask you to put a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of date/time Do note you are also very welcome to have an update on your child/ren at anytime – ideally when you come in to help, or do ask/ e-mail for an update if this is not possible.

## Contact Details



Please ensure you remember to notify us if your details change; home address, email, mobile numbers, emergency contact person, etc.

## Flexible Hours

If not yet seen this, please see information in the lobby or on our website in the Information Booklet ( section on Playgroup Routines ) or see Liz - we can offer some flexibility i.e.9:15 - 11:45 if needed.

## Quiz Night



Thanks to everyone who supported the event, whether attending, buying raffle tickets, donating prizes or baking a delicious pudding. I know everyone who attended had a great time. A huge THANKYOU to the fundraising committee for all their hard work before, during and after. We raised over £600 which was fantastic and will go towards a new outside playhouse for the children.

## Sponsored Trike Ride

We will be running this during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> March for Pre-School children. This is the one annual event that the children actively participate in and will raise money for some new toys.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU NAME YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH BOX AS WE OFTEN HAVE SEVERAL THAT ARE THE SAME. THANK YOU.**

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## Term Dates

### **Spring Term 2012**

Mon 9th January - Friday 30th March  
[½ term - 13th - 17th February]

### **Summer Term 2012**

Mon 16th April - Fri 20th July  
[½ term - 1st - 8th June incl.]

### **Autumn Term 2012**

Mon 3rd September - Fri 14th December  
[½ term - 29th Oct-2nd November]