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## November Newsletter

### Themes & Topics:

During the month of November we will be covering the topic of fairy tales, hopefully you will be hearing lots about the 3 little pigs and the big bad wolf and we're sure there will be a few knights and princesses too.

### Christmas Raffle:

It's nearly that time again. The playgroup are currently organizing our annual Christmas raffle. Tickets will be sent home soon for each child to sell. They will be £1 per ticket and there will be lots of wonderful prizes from local businesses who are always keen to donate to us. We appreciate anything you can do to help.

### Collection of Children:

Just a reminder that children will not be released to anyone under the age of 18 years old. We also ask if there are any changes to the people you have named that will be collecting your children to inform Playgroup staff as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition at home time.

### 3+ Year Review

There will be no face to face meetings this year with the Health Visitor, however they are asking that the questionnaire still be filled in. Please see the letter attached for more information.

### Birthdays

We would like to wish very Happy Birthday's to James, Slevin, Amelia and Georgia this month.

### Say Cheese:

We are trying to organize our photographer for our school photos, we are hoping this will happen towards the end of the month, however we cannot guarantee the photos will be ready for before Christmas. We will let you know a date as soon as it is confirmed.

### Christmas Hamper:

As per our letter we will be putting together a hamper as a prize for our raffle. We would appreciate it if all items could be returned to the Playgroup by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your continued support, all help is greatly appreciated.

### Welly Boots:

As the weather is changing and our outside area is getting a little mucky could we ask that all children have a pair of welly boots in the setting. Please ensure these are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### Absence Reminder:

Could we please remind you to text, email or phone the playgroup to let us know if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

# 3+ Review



## Dear Parent

All children in pre-school are normally offered a review by the health visitor who visits the school. Unfortunately this year we are unable to offer this face to face contact due to the COVID 19 pandemic. However we still want to provide you with a part of the review and are asking you to complete the ASQ described below.

This is a significant time in your child's life. It is important that your child learns to be confident, trusting, curious and able to develop relationships and learn.

As part of the 3+ year Review we would like you to complete the enclosed Ages and Stages questionnaire (ASQ). This will provide information on your child's social and emotional development. Your answers will show your child's strengths and any areas in which your child may need more help or practice.

It's really important that your child enjoys learning and the more you know about your child's health and developments the easier it is for you to help them. If your child is already getting support from various health and education services we would still encourage them to be involved in this review.

## What do you need to do?

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to your child's teacher within the week.

- ✓ Answer the questions based on what you know about your child's usual behaviour, not when they are sick, very tired or hungry.
- ✓ Answer all the questions.
- ✓ Please give examples of your child's behaviour, if asked, as it helps to understand your answers.

The health visiting service will be in touch with you if there any issues identified in the ASQ and that you may want to discuss further. You can of course still contact your health visitor at any time if you have any worries or concerns.