



**Collaton St Mary Community Playgroup**  
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Dear Parents and Carers

**Welcome**

Welcome to the Summer term at Playgroup. We hope that you enjoyed the Easter break. A big welcome to all the children who are starting playgroup this term.

**Easter Celebration**

Thank you to those who provided raffle prizes and also those who bought raffle tickets. The raffle and the refreshments made £84.50. We are in the process of purchasing books to start a small lending library and these should be available very soon. We would encourage you to choose a book with your child to share at home.

**Warm Weather**

With the arrival of the warmer weather please could you provide your child with sun cream and a sunhat, both of which should be clearly named. Please would you also ensure that cardigans and jumpers are also clearly named as well. We are very fortunate to have access to a lovely outside area and we would like to make use of this during the summer term. There are still a few pairs of willies and also a number of spoons that have not yet been claimed.

**Ice Packs**

If your child does not have an ice pack for their lunch box, please could you provide them with one – preferably a small hard plastic ice pack rather than a soft one.

**Book People**

We have a selection of books available to order from the 'Book People'. Please take a moment to have a look and place an order if you wish. We receive a percentage of the books ordered towards books for playgroup.

**Learning Diaries**

If you have your child's learning diary at home, please could you return it to playgroup for us to add any items to. You are more than welcome to take these to look at or add in photos, pictures or comments at any time – just speak to your child's key worker.

**Fee Paying Week**

This week you will receive your invoice for this half term fees. Next week is fee paying week from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. You can pay your fees first thing in the morning each day or hand directly to Julia if your child only attends in the afternoon. If your child receives funding then you will need to sign the form during this week and bring in your child's birth certificate if you have not done so previously.

### **Sainsbury vouchers**

Thank you for the many Sainsbury vouchers that are coming in – keep collecting! The more vouchers, the more equipment and resources we can apply for. We are also going to start collecting Tesco vouchers as well. Although we do not have a main Tesco in the local area you may have friends or relatives who shop at Tesco and could collect for us. We have now received our gardening resources from Morrison voucher scheme, which we are going to begin using.

### **Race for life**

The race for life is at Clennon Valley on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 11am and all of our staff will be taking part, along with some parents, daughters, previous members of staff and a representative from the Parish Rooms committee. In all there will be 17 of us! We are hoping to have a fun as well as raising some money for Cancer research UK. We now have sponsor forms available if you would like to sponsor us!

### **Outside area grant**

There is some funding available for pre-school settings, and we have just put in an application for the area around the side of playgroup to be developed into an area for the children to have access to. Two of our parents (dads) have already spent some time clearing the area for which we are grateful and Jayne Jones (our administrator) has spent a lot of time with the support of Tara in preparing the application form which has now been submitted and we are hoping for a positive result on this. We will let you know in due course if we have been successful in securing the grant.

### **Anniversary**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter it is our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer and we will be hopefully holding a celebration afternoon. At present we are waiting to hear about the grant and then we will set a date for this special occasion.

### **Well done**

Congratulations to Debbie who has now completed her NVQ 3!

### **Holidays**

Don't forget we have a Bank holiday day off on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and then we break up for Half term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and return on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Best wishes and thank you for your continuing support.

Julia, Kim, Jackie, Lesley, Jane, Jenni, Debbie and Alison