

## Spring Term Newsletter January 2018

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Welcome to the Spring Term from the team at St Michael's Playgroup :-  
Mrs Sharon Jackson (Manager), Mrs Julia Paton (Deputy),  
Mrs Chloe Fitzgerald, Mrs Suzanne Long, Mrs Alison Perrin and Mrs Annette Adkins.

It is lovely to see you all back this term and a big welcome to all our new families who have joined us in January, the children are all settling in well.

We would like to remind you that there is no parking on the school site, and the use of mobile phones is not allowed in the setting.

### **Dates for the Diary:**

#### **Spring Term:**

Half Term holiday Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 8.00pm - AGM/ Committee Meeting, everybody welcome.

Easter cake sale and raffle 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Easter fun morning and bonnet parade - details to follow.

End of Term Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **Summer Term Dates:**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June

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Please make sure that your children have a suitable warm coat and footwear as we will play outside in most weathers. **Also we have a large number of children each session, some of whom share pegs and it is extremely helpful if coats, hats, gloves and bags are named** as this saves a lot of time and avoids confusion when going out and coming in from the garden!

Please provide a pair of wellington boots that can be left at playgroup on the wellie rack these should be **clearly named**.

We would ask that due to the very wet weather that you encourage your children not to play on the grass or equipment whilst you are waiting to come into playgroup in the mornings.

If your child is in nappies please could you ensure that you provide a bag with nappies and baby wipes for changing.

We are getting through rather a lot of tissues already this term, if anyone is able to donate a box of tissues it would be greatly appreciated!

**The telephone number for use during the session is 07816 118130. It is very helpful to us if you use this number to call or text if your child will not be attending playgroup or if someone other than you will be collecting them.**

If your child has been suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea we would ask that they are kept at home for a period of 48 hours after the last episode of the illness to prevent spreading any infection to others. This is in accordance with our policies and NHS advice. We thank you for your cooperation in this.

The playgroup email address is [stmichaelsplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmichaelsplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk). This can be used for any queries that you may have that are non-urgent. If you need to contact us out of session time then please use the mobile number above or you can contact Mrs Sharon Jackson on 01727 840421.

Please take the time to look at our website, this has lots of information and we will post messages on this for your information. The website address is [www.stmichaelsplaygroup.com](http://www.stmichaelsplaygroup.com)

We also have our own Facebook page which we post information on please search St Michaels playgroup and request to join.

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If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 you will need to apply for a School Nursery place you will need to apply to the nursery that you wish your child to attend directly. Applications open on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Have a great term from the team at St Michaels.

### **Notice of Change of Constitution and Charity Number**

At our AGM last March the trustees, after consultation with staff, approved a change in constitution for St Michaels Playgroup. The way in which the playgroup operates will not change as a result of this. The change simply means that we are now operating as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) under a new charity number. Trustees will no longer be liable for the debts of Playgroup should any be incurred as the organisation will exist as a legal entity in its own right and separate to the board of Trustees. Playgroup will continue to benefit from being a Charity. The new constitution can be viewed on the Charities Commission website. Just search for our new Charity number which is 1176394.

You may notice that we continue to exist under our former charity number in addition to the new number for a short period of time. The old charity number will be dissolved as soon as the charities commission returns have been filed after our AGM in March. If you have any questions about this change please do ask.

If you are interested in becoming either a member or trustee of St Michaels Playgroup please speak to Sharon. It is a very rewarding way to be involved in your child's education and we would love parents to be well represented in decisions. The next AGM will be held on Thursday 8th March at 8pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Kind Regards Jenni Blackford (Chair of Trustees)