

**Information week** – We would normally have our last ‘Information week’ at the beginning of July during which we’d invite you all in to meet with your child’s keyworker to share their end of year report and to celebrate everything that they’ve achieved during their time at playgroup.

Rest assured that we are working on your reports and are already in communication with many of the schools that your children will be attending. I hope that we will be able to meet with you again before the end of the year and as soon as I am able I will be in touch with further information. In the mean time I am planning to email reports out to you so that you can read them and let us know any comments you wish to be added before they are sent up to your child’s school.

For those of you whose children are staying on we will also email reports and invite you to let us know any comments you wish to add. For security I will password protect all reports and let each of you know the password so that only you can open and read them. We are working on reports at the moment and will aim to email them out the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.

**Dates for the dairy** – I have outlined our dates for the diary for next year but am hanging back from emailing them out until we know more about details for our reopening in September. I will endeavour to send them out as soon as possible but I don’t want to do it too soon and then have to make changes which are likely to confuse us all, especially me!

**Invoices** – Please remember to pay any outstanding invoices. As you can imagine, like many organisations, we are feeling the effects of having to be closed for such a long time, so it is more important to us than ever to ensure all invoices have been paid.

**Thank you**



# Croft Playgroup Newsletter



**June & July 2019**

**Our underpinning values for this term are:**

- ❖ Being listened to and feeling valued.
- ❖ Being encouraged and allowed to make our own choices.
- ❖ Valuing each other's similarities and differences.
- ❖ Understanding how to be healthy in mind and body
- ❖ Being independent.

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**This is an unusual newsletter!** I won't be able to let you know about the usual dates and activities that we would ordinarily plan and enjoy this term, and I am so sorry that we won't get to enjoy those events in the usual way.

However, we wanted to send you all our love and to let you know what a lovely, lovely group of children and families we think you are.

We have been glad to welcome back the small groups of children who have returned and we are missing those of you who haven't, however, we are glad that you are able to stay safe at home with your families and we think of you all often.

Don't forget to keep in touch and let us know what you're getting up to at home. We love to hear from you all. We'll try to record some more stories too and I'll keep sending you ideas for things to play at home. I really enjoyed our trip to the library in Old town and I hope that you're all still enjoying sharing stories together at home.

Some of you haven't been with us long and some of you didn't even get to start at all in April, so we are really looking forward to spending more time with you and getting to know you properly. I hope to be able to let you all know what our September provision will look like as soon as I can. At present we need to see how reopening unfolds and await further guidance from the government as they plan for wider opening.

For those of you who will be starting school in September we want you to know how very proud of you we are. You have all made excellent progress and we know that you are ready to start school. You might be feeling excited about it and you might be feeling a bit nervous. That's how we all feel when we start something new. You will have some friends from playgroup with you and we know the staff in the schools that you are going to. They are lovely schools and you will be well cared for, and remember we'll still be here for you to visit!

I will send out a useful booklet about being ready to start school which you might find helpful.

I have taken a few photographs of playgroup so you can see what it looks like at the moment. It is a bit quiet and emptier than we are used to and the garden is divided into two areas.



We are open from Monday to Thursday from 8am to 2pm with time for cleaning all resources from 2pm and on Fridays we are closed to enable time for a deeper clean of the building. We have staggered drop off and collection times at 5 minute intervals and, as parents and other visitors are not permitted to enter the building, we meet children outside to welcome them in.

Quite a few of our staff still need to stay at home as they are in the higher risk categories from the virus. This means that we are a smaller team at present with Helen, Mel and Kate are supporting the Willow Room bubbles and Jill, Carol and Jayne are supporting the Oak room bubble. Becki is in the office on Mondays, and the rest of the team are working hard remotely to support us.

**Keep safe and well** - I wish you all well and hope that balancing home life with work isn't too stressful and that you are also able to take care of yourselves and enjoy family time. Please stop when you can to remind yourselves how well you are doing (we are often much better at being self-critical). You have navigated your way with your families through a pandemic which continues to affect the entire world. Well done!

Please remember that I'm here to support you all whether at playgroup or remotely and I am more than happy to call you if you'd

like to talk about anything or have any concerns about your children.  
You can email me and ask me to call you or just pick up the phone.