



SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back after February half term!

WORLD BOOK DAY.

Thursday 3rd March 2022 is world book day. It would be lovely if the children could dress up as a character from their favourite story to celebrate and bring in a book to match their outfits. It's always great to encourage children to show an interest in books and learn new stories. Please be aware the costumes need to allow the children to access equipment safely whilst at playgroup.

Committee

Royston playgroup is committee run by parents who have children who currently attend playgroup. We are always on the look out for new members to join the committee. Having a committee is vital to keep the playgroup running. If you are able to join it's a great way to support us and have an impact into your child's playgroup. Please see the leaflet below or speak with Lori Our chairperson (who can be found waiting in the playground) or a member of staff for more information.

Late collections

We have a number of parents who are collecting their children later than expected. This can be upsetting for the children who are left waiting for their parents to arrive whilst other children are collected on time.

Term Dates

Spring term 2

Monday 21nd February 2022 –
Friday 1st April 2022

Summer term 1

Tuesday 19th April 2022 – Friday
27th May 2022

Early May Bank Holiday (Closed)

Monday 2rd May 2022

Summer term 2

Monday 6th June 2022 – Thursday
21st July 2022

We are looking for any stationary that anyone can donate to playgroup ie paper/envelopes/pads. We would really appreciate any that you can donate. Thanks in advance.

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URGENTLY NEEDS YOU!!!!

Did you know that...?

- Royston Playgroup is run by the Royston Playgroup Committee
- The Committee needs a legal minimum number of **parent or guardian** members in order to run Playgroup
- ***If more parents do not join the Committee the Playgroup will be legally forced to close***

How can you help...?

- Volunteer to become a member of Royston Playgroup Committee

What will you have to do...?

- Attend 3 or 4 meetings each year
- You may volunteer to undertake tasks that will assist with the running of the Playgroup

Why should you join the Committee...?

- This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about how the Playgroup your child attends is run and what your child does in Playgroup!
- Being a Committee member is an enjoyable worthwhile experience that does not take up much of your time.

If you are interested in joining the committee can you please speak to Wendy ASAP, or come along to the AGM and see what is involved.

Outside play

Now the weather is starting to improve we will be able to play outside more and also plant some new seeds. Children have been looking at the rosemary growing in the garden and some have taken it home to add to the family dinner!

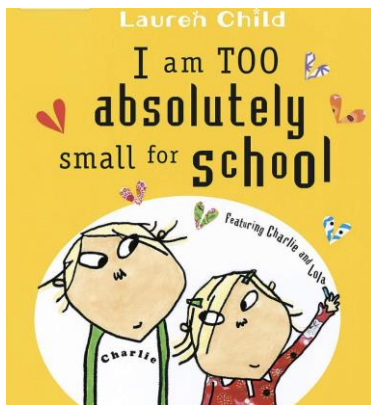


Book Bags

We have started sending the book bags home again after the Covid restrictions have lifted. We will only be changing the books once a week so they do not have to be brought in everyday.

Top tips for managing transition to primary school

By now the parents of our older children should have received your primary places. It's a big step to move on to primary school and we have lots of ideas to make the transition smooth.

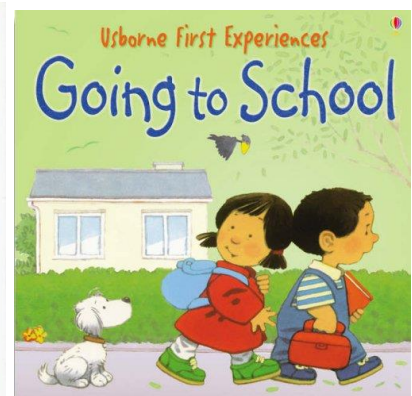
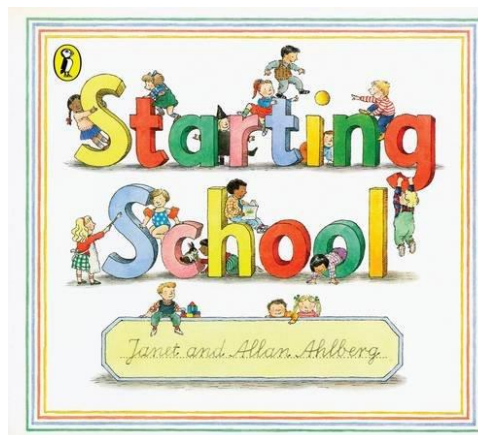


1. Create a school role-play area

You could include school bags, uniforms to dress up in, relevant books (more about this later) and school logos on the walls. This can be a really effective way to build confidence prior to September.

2. Read some going to school books

Here are a few of our favourites:



Stories provide a good way to talk about feelings that some children may struggle to express.

3. Develop independence

Small tasks can make a big difference to a child starting reception class: being able to put on their own shoes; to get dressed/undressed without help (think of PE lessons!); to independently go to the toilet and wash their hands; and - crucially - having the confidence to ask an adult for help (they will be on a different ratio at school, with only a teacher and classroom assistant, so they will need to ask for help if they need it).

4. Help children to maintain their attention and focus

Here at playgroup we have lots of strategies to help children with their listening skills. In circle time we encourage the children to sit still by asking for 'quiet hands', we sit in the book corner for story time. We have adult led activities as well as group activities in a quiet room.
