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NEWSLETTER - MAY 2011

Welcome back everyone. What a wonderful Easter Break that was, weren't we lucky with the weather?! We hope you enjoyed the sunshine whether you were picnicing, partying or paddling and are looking forward to more fun in the sun here at Playgroup

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Term Dates

Summer Term - first half	Wednesday 27 th April - Friday 27 th May
HALF TERM	Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June
Summer Term - Second Half	Monday 6 th June - Friday 22 nd July

Reminders For Your Diary!



Saturday 14th May
Spring Fun Day



Sunday 19th June
Father's Day



Friday 22nd July
Teddy Bear's Picnic

From Dawn our Administrator

All payments for the 1st half of the summer term are now due. Please hand in to Playgroup immediately or contact me on 01992 583 914 to discuss payment options.

Please note the NEW email address for the Playgroup is:-
bengeoplaygroup@gmail.com


FROM SALLY & THE TEAM

Growing

This half term we are going to continue playing in small groups · help the children form friendships, with activities and experiences based around **Growing**. We will be looking at the lifecycles of caterpillars and tadpoles, planting cress seeds, looking at baby photos and measuring one another all to help the children develop an understanding of growth over time.



Main Links To The EYFS

	Area	Aspect	Learning Intentions
	PSE D	Making Relationships	- is about the importance of children forming good relationships with others and working alongside others companionably
	KUW	Time	- is about how children find out about past and present events relevant to their own lives or those of their families
	CD	Exploring Exploring Media & Materials	- is about children's independent and guided exploration of and engagement with a widening range of media and materials, finding out about, thinking about and working with colour, texture, shape, space and form in two and three dimensions.

The Buggy Buddies

Bengeo Playgroup has joined Buggy Buddies, a scheme developed in Hertfordshire to get children aged 0-5 on the move, leading active and healthy lifestyles from a young age. The Buggy Buddies are six friendly bugs that can be used by fathers/mothers/carers and by the staff here at Playgroup to create fun, outside activities for young children to do when they are travelling to and from settings like Playgroup and also when they are outside in the garden or at the park. First off, get ready for **Walk to School Week 16 - 20 May**. More details to follow



Every Little Helps!

Don't forget we are still collecting the Tesco for Schools & Clubs vouchers - we need as many as we can get so we can exchange them for some new outdoor resources to upgrade our playground and courtyard. Last day vouchers issued: **8th May!**



Sun Smart



"Slip on a t-shirt, Slop on some sun cream and Slap on a hat". Keep your child safe this Summer and remember to bring their sun hat and apply sun cream prior to coming to Playgroup. Also please note for your child's own safety we advise against the children wearing slip on sandals or flip flops unless they have support at the back of the heel. Thank you for your cooperation.

Father & Father Figure Inclusion

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight that we run a father inclusive practice here at Bengo Playgroup and welcome all fathers, grandfathers, uncles or other father figures in your children's lives to stay and play at any time. Just let us know when - it will be a pleasure to have you on board. Watch out for our fun filled father inclusion term coming up after the half term break - details to follow.



FROM RACHEL OUR FUNDRAISER



Bengo Playgroup Fun Day
will soon be upon us: **Saturday 14th May.**



This is the highlight of our fundraising year. It will be an afternoon of great fun for children and families. We would be really grateful for any donations and volunteers to help out on the day.



The Fundraising Committee is in desperate need of volunteers. Fundraising is a crucial part of the Playgroup as it ensures new equipment and resources can be purchased for the children.

If you would like to volunteer or help out ad hoc, please contact Rachel Ogier (Nate's mum) on 07906 610 303.