

July 2023

Spilsby Playgroup News & Information



Dates for your Diary

During this week of 3rd July – As per the letter sent out. This is the week of sporting/fun activities. If you have not booked your session, please see Claire.

Thursday 20th July 12.45pm – 3.45pm – The End of Term Party.

If you would like your child to join this session, please speak to Claire to book in. Normal fees will apply or if you have spare funded sessions, these can be used.



Friday 21st July – Break up for the summer holidays

Wednesday 6th September – Return to playgroup.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all those who came along to the consultations last week, it was lovely to be able to talk to you about your children and their many steps of progress. We thank you for all of your very positive comments.

End of the year / Beginning of a new one!

We want to wish all of the children, who are leaving us this year, moving onto reception classes in primary schools in Spilsby, Great Steeping, Toynton All Saints and Stickney. It has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of your early year's journey. We wish you 'good luck' as you continue with that journey. We know you will all continue to make great progress.

As we move towards the new academic year in September, our register is filling fast, so if you want to increase, decrease or change sessions, please let us know ASAP.

Thank you to those who have renewed their 30-hour codes, ready for September. If you have not, please log into your account, renew your code and email it to me by 21st July.

If you think you could be eligible for a funding claim for either, 2-year-old funding or 30-hour funding for working parents of 3/4yr olds then please click [here](#) to find out how.

If you get stuck, here are a few activities you might like to try over the holidays.

Blow bubbles.

Build a sandcastle at the beach

Run through the sprinklers.

Have a water balloon fight.

Tie dye a t-shirt. Click [Here](#) to see You Tube instructions

Collect rocks --No matter where you are spending your time, you're bound to find pebbles and rocks close by. Whether you're at the beach, the local park, or your back garden, you can [explore nature](#) with your little one. This free summer activity can be made even more creative by collecting a few pebbles and rocks and taking them home to paint or decorate. You could even give some of your newly decorate rocks names or characters!

Build an obstacle course -- By [building simple obstacle courses](#) together, either in your house or in a garden, you can help develop your little one's motor skills and teach them about teamwork. Not only will your toddler have lots of fun in the process, but they'll learn some problem-solving skills along the way. If it's a rainy day, this summer activity can be adapted for indoor play, too!

Watch the clouds - Having a picnic and your little one is getting restless? Try cloud watching. This simple summer activity is bound to encourage some creativity. By simply looking up at the sky and explaining what the clouds look like, you can let your creative juices flow! This activity will also encourage your toddler to explain what they see and it can also help children feel calm and relaxed.

Visit your local library --Libraries are no longer a place just for books. Libraries are the hub of the local community with many offering writing and language groups, toddler play sessions, and creative classes. Check out the notice board at your local library and see what family fun activities you can get involved with.

Enjoy a teddy bear's picnic --Get the family involved in this cute kid's activity. Organising a simple teddy bear's picnic is the perfect opportunity to role play and develop your little one's communication skills. Set up your picnic using your child's favourite toys and lay out some cups and saucers. You can plan with your toddler what snacks and drinks you'd like to share and role play talking to their toys.

Make ice lollies -- We're all hoping for a hot summer and what better way to cool down than making ice lollies with your little ones. This easy summer activity is a great way to introduce new vocabulary and quench their thirst!

If you feel like being a little more adventurous, you could try making [instant ice cream in a bag](#), though this activity is better suited to slightly older children.

Play plastic bottle bowling -- This simple summer game can be set up in your garden or hallway. If you don't have enough empty bottles for your skittles, you can use toilet roll tubes. This fun game will encourage your little one to play together, take turns and describe what they are doing.

Make homemade playdough -- We're warning you that this fun summer activity could get a little messy! Making playdough is a great creative sensory play activity for children and parents alike! Our [homemade playdough recipe](#) is easy to follow and is created from everyday ingredients.

Making homemade playdough is a perfect family activity for those rainy summer days. It can help to develop fine motor skills, improve language and social skills and can even calm children down if they're a little too energetic at bedtime.

Further activities - to keep your little ones busy during the holidays. Click [Here](#) for the ideas.