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### **Chirpy Chicks Playgroup January Newsletter**

***Play gives children the chance to practice what they are learning. (Fred Rogers)***

#### **Welcome back & Happy New Year!**

We would like to welcome everyone back after the Christmas holiday and we hope everyone had a good break. We would also like to welcome our new children who have just started and we hope they will settle in and enjoy everything we do at playgroup!

Many thanks to everyone who made our Christmas show a success, and we raised £340 in our ballot. As Chirpy Chicks continues to refresh its provision and services we'll have some fun trips to go on as the weather improves, which our funds raised will help with greatly so thanks to everyone for their support. We'll keep you posted as we move into the New Year of what's coming up.

#### **January Theme**

This month we will be looking at the Weather and Food. We'll be talking about the different types of weather we get here, how we dress for different weather, different things we do depending on the weather. We will link in with our food and talk about where it comes from, all types of food we eat especially healthy choices and seasonal food.

#### **Pre-school progress reports**

As we approach half way through the pre-school year we will invite pre-school children's parents for a progress report interview with their child's key-worker. This will be an opportunity for parents to speak to staff about their child, ask questions and have an overview of the second half of the year.

#### **Pre pre settling in reports**

A report sheet will be included in the journal of the Pre pre children who started from Halloween break to Christmas. Children who have just started will have a settling in report completed around the half term break in February.

#### **Dates for your diary**

16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mid-term break Playgroup closed (Thurs & Fri)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Staff training day Playgroup closed
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Finish for Easter Holidays
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Playgroup re-opens

**Thank you for your ongoing support – The Chirpy Chicks Team**

*Chirpy Chicks Playgroup Ltd is a not-for-profit social enterprise (NI638389) providing preschool education and empowering children to take on the world with curiosity, confidence, and positivity.*