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Spilsby Playgroup News & Information

Please be aware

A confirmed case of Hand Foot and Mouth has been reported to us from a parent.

Please click on the link [Hand, foot and mouth disease | NHS inform](#) for further information, symptoms to look out for and when you might need to seek medical advice.

We are now in full swing and the children have settled very well into the routines of playgroup. It has been lovely to still see some sunshine which has allowed us to utilise the outdoor area fully. Children, on the whole, love to be outside, exploring all that nature provides from sun to rain, wind, mud, large scale craft and also simply exploring. With this in mind we are now making greater use of our 'rustic zone' and the children are loving it, particularly... The mud!



We have been making mud, mixing mud, making large shapes using sticks in the mud, sculpting in the mud and even making handprints in mud. We have, in playgroup the correct, mud/waterproofs and wellies. If you are happy for your child to use the waterproof and wellies we have here, then that is fine. If you would rather supply your own then please bring them into playgroup each session, all clearly named.

The rustic zone is a small area so only allows for small groups at a time. We are therefore rotating children, not all will get into this area every day.

We want the children to be able to experience the outdoors freely with the awe and wonder it brings with it. We will be exploring wind, rain and sun and collecting natural objects to display in the rustic zone area. We will go out in most weather, unless the rain/wind is too much. We want the children to enjoy the outdoors not feel cold or see it as an unpleasant activity to take part in.

Even though the children are well covered with suitable outdoor kit, mud has a tendency to travel, even when care is taken when we remove the wet outer clothing. Can I ask that you always put spare socks and trousers in your child's bag just in case they are needed.

Being outdoors is a great place to learn and that is why we are promoting this, however if you would rather your child does not take part in this outdoor activity, please write us a note to let us know and pass it to one of the ladies.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th October – Break up for half term

Tuesday 29th October – Return to playgroup

Friday 15th Nov – Children in Need Day – come along dressed in spots and or bright colours.

Week of 18th November – Parent Consultations –Booking slips will be sent out shortly

Week of 9th December – Christmas Workshops – More information nearer the time.

19th December – Break for Christmas

Running up to half term the children will be looking at autumn, under the heading 'If You Go Down to the Woods Today'. Please login to your Tapestry account where you will find further details of the activities and learning the children will be taking part in.

