



Southery Playgroup

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Welcome to all those just starting and welcome back to all returning. We hope that you are all keeping safe and well and enjoyed the lovely sunny summer. Now Autumn is here, we look forward to crunching leaves and cooler weather.

We have some fantastic news, before the summer holidays we had our Ofsted Inspection and we have been awarded **GOOD** across all areas.

Find a copy of the report here - [50187311 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/50187311)

As the children are returning after a long break, they become unsettled when their usual routine is broken. They can become upset when coming into Playgroup. Here are a few ideas to help; explain what their plan is for the day, who will be collecting them, who will be dropping them off, how they will get to Playgroup, what time they will be collected (after lunch/ after snack time) and if they will be doing anything after Playgroup (e.g., swimming, park or seeing 'Nanny') and lots of reassurance. Just a few reminders.

- Please NAME your children's items such as, coats, bags and lunchboxes
- With the wetter weather, please could you bring in a raincoat and wellies.
- Please keep us updated on any changes to your child's details. We will be sending out new registration forms for you all to fill in. Please can you return them ASAP with all of the details filled in.

Session times

Morning: 9.00 - 11.55am

Afternoon: 12.05 - 3.00pm

Please be punctual when collecting your child at session times as this affects our staff ratios to children.

Dates for your diary

We are closed:

- Monday 19th September - Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II
- 20th October - 30th October 2022
- We close on 16th December for the Christmas Holidays

Key Persons

Playgroup operates a key person's role, for those of you who do not know about this here is a brief explanation - A key person (member of staff) will be assigned to each child, their role is to follow the child's journey whilst at the Playgroup recording those important moments, we will be doing this online on Tapestry. You will be able to download the Tapestry app and access Tapestry on a computer. The link is on our Facebook Parents Page. If you have not, please could you accept the invitations to Tapestry and ClassDojo. Tapestry is your child's learning journey and Class Dojo keeps you informed with any notices or information. Also, notices are put on our Southery Playgroup Parents Facebook page.

Lunchtimes

Can we please ask that you cut up grapes, strawberries, cherry tomatoes, fruit strings and sausages as these have been known to cause children to choke.

We will be having our **Christmas Shopping Night on 17th November 2022** at Southery Village Hall from 6-8pm. This is our main fundraiser, and we need all the support we can get. If you know of anyone who would like a stall, please let us know. We will also be doing small fundraising events, so keep an eye on our Southery Playgroup Parents Facebook Page and Class Dojo. We will also be making Christmas prints with IQ Cards for you to purchase. More information to follow.