

## Summer Picnic & Sports day 21 July 2022

Once again we are going to hold our annual Summer Picnic and St John's Fun day at King George V field and woods behind the Furzefield Centre. We also make it a mini sports day for the children with egg and spoon races, space hopper races and bean bag in the hoop to



name a few. **ALL** children who attend St John's are invited to join us on the day, **along with a parent/s or carer**. Please use the form on the notice board in the upper room to let us know if your child is coming and who will accompany them.

The playgroup **will not meet** at the church on this day, unless the weather forces us to do so and we would then have to have our picnic and games in the large hall.

We will go for a walk through the woods, gather nature items on the way and talk to the children about nature and bugs in our environment! We will have some long races right across the field. There will be adult races too so we suggest sensible shoes for everyone.



### DETAILS AND LOGISTICS

When: **FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY** 9.00am until 2.00pm (you're free to leave any time, staff will be present until 2.00pm)

Where: Small play area to the front of the Furzefield Centre

What to bring: a picnic bag including plenty to drink, lunch and snacks and a picnic blanket.



Please make sure you and your children are dressed appropriately with sensible running footwear, sun hats and sun cream (or wellies if we have some wet weather the previous day).

We appreciate many parents and carers work or don't drive and may find it difficult to either attend or work with the proposed timings. However if you wish your child to attend you may be able to arrange something with another playgroup parent. Keyworkers can look after one or two children each but this will need to be pre-arranged and numbers will be limited.

We hope all of you can attend to make this a memorable day for the children. Please complete the form on the notice board, or let us know via a WhatsApp or text message. Feel free to speak to Mrs Mills or Mrs Stone for further clarification if needed.

If the weather is uncertain, please contact us on 07969 924482 on the day to find out if the picnic is going ahead.

## MORE NEWS....

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Exciting News: Our **Oakmere school** based St John's Nursery Playgroup will be moving to new premises from September 2023. We have decided to move them to the Wayside Jubilee Centre, based just across the road from the school. This will be a new start in premises which are being updated to accommodate this popular group. You are invited to the official open day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September



### Parent/Keyworker Consultations week beginning 10 July

We have allocated specific times for each child. We hope you will be able to come and have a short 10 min consultation with your child's keyworker. We would appreciate if you would complete the **questionnaire** as we like to know what you think and to hear what we do well or could improve.

### Party Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

We would also like to invite ALL the children to their party on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Mrs Rosa will be doing a dance session with the children. We will organise party games and provide the food for lunch.

- ✨ Children who attend Tuesday mornings arrive at normal time (8.55) but can stay until 2pm.
- ✨ Children who **do not** attend Tuesday are invited to arrive at 11.30. (or can request the extra 2.5 hours at £16.25)
- ✨ Children who attend Tuesday afternoons, are also invited to arrive at 11.30.
- ✨ Children who normally are with us on a Tuesday afternoon can stay until the usual 3.00pm pick up time.

In order to make this day possible we will need some parent helpers to help us prepare the lunch, set up the rooms and to generally help with the children.

A form will be on the notice board for you to let us know if your child will be attending and if you are able to help on the day

### End of term Friday 21st July (picnic/sports day)

Just a reminder that Playgroup last day of term is on Friday 21 July. Twenty-three children will be leaving us to go to school nurseries or reception classes at the end of this term, it will be sad to see so many of our little friends leaving us! We have enjoyed the visits from the teachers from many of the 'big schools'



We look forward to seeing the children who are returning/starting in the Autumn term. Please remember to let us know if you wish for your child to attend additional sessions in September. Please remember to check if you are eligible for 30 hours of free childcare. This is the website to check.

dreamstime.com <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> You must check BEFORE the end of August to ensure you get funding from September

Our first day back is **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. The new children will come for their first introductory visit on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday.

**Please let your friends know that we still have some spaces for children in September**