

Newsletter @Churwell

This newsletter gives you an update on the early years and childcare service provided by PLAY@Churwell.

[Ofsted Inspection](#)

Our services are officially OUTSTANDING according to Ofsted who inspected us on 11 January 2011. The report is attached for information.

[PLAY@Churwell Pre-School](#)

Welcome to our parents / carers of children attending our new pre-school sessions. We have responded to local demand for a pre-school in Churwell. Sessions are now available for 2 year olds from 9:15 to 11:15 on Mondays and Wednesdays during termtime. Please see Kate for more information.

[Free nursery places from April 2011](#)

We are now approved by Leeds City Council to offer the 15 hours free nursery place entitlement for 3 year olds. We are working closely with Churwell School nursery on our admissions criteria to ensure there is choice and enough places for children in our area. Please see Michelle for more information.

[Easter playscheme](#)

Playscheme is open from Monday 4th to Friday 8th April and Monday 11th to Friday 15th April. Full days at £24 and half days at £13 are available. Please see Michelle for details of planned activities. Book now to ensure your place.

Don't forget that the Easter Bank Holidays are outside the school Easter break. We will be closed on Good Friday 22 April and Easter Monday 25 April. We will be also closed on the Royal Wedding bank holiday on Friday 29 April and the May Day bank holiday on 2 May.

[Parental involvement](#)

The one item we were marked lower on in our Ofsted inspection was parental involvement. We know how difficult it is to get involved – after all you use our services generally because you work so don't have lots of free time. We would therefore like to make an open offer to parents / carers that we are keen to encourage volunteers. If you have any skills you could share with the children such as sport, crafts etc even if just for an hour you would be very welcome. Please talk to Cath for more details.

We would encourage parents / carers of our early years children in the Ladybird Room to add to your child's profile. This is an individual record of your child's learning and development while in our care and we would like to have your views and comments to add to our observations. Talk to Kate or Michelle for more information about the profiles.

[Snow days](#)

We will remain open and offer a full day playscheme when Churwell school is closed for snow, provided the actual site has not been closed for safety reasons. Please contact us directly. We will honour existing bookings for before & after school clubs, which can be extended to a full day.

[Our constitution](#)

Churwell Out of School Group has a constitution – which is a set of rules the committee works by – that we set up 10 years ago. We included in the constitution that Committee members could only serve for a maximum of 10 years which we now want to extend. We are proposing that the term of office should be unlimited. If anyone has any objections please email finance@churwell.org.uk by the 1 March.