



# 7th AGM 2019

## Česká školka Playgroup

### Krtečci a Myšky, 2018-2019

Our playgroup works well following several years at the same location, with the same stable financial support from the Czech Ministry of foreign affairs and NZ Ministry of Education and administration support from Czech and Slovak Club Tauranga.

In our playgroup, it has been a very interesting and busy year. Similar to the previous year, 2018 there was fully attended classes of 12 preschoolers (3-6 years) and about 10 babies/toddlers. With the older children we could concentrate on the Czech alphabet and its pronunciation, various art and worksheet activities as well as playing games which require a certain level of concentration and sense of rules. One topic per semester proved to be a great idea to follow in each group, including school children. All that with fun and children's active approach. At the end of the year a solid group of 7 children +1 who moved away, to my great sadness, left playgroup to move up to our Czech school.

We welcomed Viera to take turns with Ája, leading the youngest group of children. They have done fantastic work, altogether with Dana who helped relieving while I was on my holidays.

Because of some late attendance and distractions by adults, we changed our schedule slightly to give parents a chance to chat at the beginning of the class as well as let children explore the environment first. This arrangement works OK so far. We start later and I keep doing activities with children until they are interested.

We kicked off the beginning of 2019 with big hopes the arrival of new faces and growing children, preparing for the Multicultural festival. Attendance of the younger group is not as busy as in the previous years, therefore we decided to keep with one teacher only. At the beginning of the second semester we work with nice number of 6 to 10 children, aged 1 to 5, joined together. We recycle lots of traditional Czech songs, learning new ones, having fun with musical, rhythmic and word activities. Older children then receive more advanced tasks or work individually, sometimes with parent's help.

We much appreciate parents' help in and outside classes, especially all events, such as Mikuláš and Easter.

For the teachers of Česká Školka

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