



Painswick Playgroup Newsletter

November 2017

Next committee meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday the 16th of January – 7:30pm at Playgroup. Everybody is welcome! Come and see what we are planning and share your thoughts and ideas. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Topics this term

This term, we are learning about the five senses. We have covered sight with bonfire pictures, smell & touch with making glitter play-doh, and the Christmas cards we will be making will cover all five senses.

Start date for next term

The next term at Playgroup will start on Wednesday the 3rd of January.

Early collection

For the benefit of those parents who are also collecting children from the Croft, Playgroup doors are opened at 3.10 p.m. **promptly** for you to collect children. Please make Playgroup aware of early pick up, either in the morning or during the session to avoid disruption. Staff will make sure that the children are ready in the foyer to be sent out to you.

Prompt collection!

A reminder that your children need to be collected on time. If you are late in collecting your child Playgroup staff have to contact social services as a last point of call. Please collect your child promptly or call ahead if you are going to be late. **Monday – Thursday pick up time is 3:30**, but please remember that the time for **Friday pick up is 3:00pm!**

Toys from home

A reminder please not to bring toy in from home as some of the children are getting upset when others try and play with them.

Our Committee

A reminder that your committee members are:

Chair	Kirsten Smith
Deputy Chair	Lizzie Bennett
Treasurer	Lisa Warnaby
Secretary	Carly Lloyd Jones Marisa Vaughan
Committee	Tiar Darrock Fuller Alison Smith Laura Drake Sarah Leaver Marisa Vaughan Lizzie Bennett Chloe McCarthy Sam Cooke Susie Andrews

Contact details for all committee members can be found on the notice board in the Playgroup foyer.

Letters from playgroup

With regards to letters – it is playgroup's duty of care to share information, and we ask that no letters sent home are shared on social media.

Winter weather

As we move towards winter, can you please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing and footwear i.e waterproof coats, jumpers, wellies or boots etc. We let the children play outside all year round so it is important that they have the correct clothing.

Children in Need

Playgroup will be attending the Children in Need coffee morning event at the Croft School on Friday the 17th of November.

Nativity preparation

Roles for the Nativity have been cast, and we are rehearsing for the play every day. We would appreciate it if parents could take a little time to help their child learn the carols from the sheet provided in trays.

Nativity dates and times

The dress rehearsal will be on Monday the 11th of December to which siblings at the Croft School will be invited.

Performances to family and friends will be on Tuesday the 12th of December and Wednesday the 13th of December at 11am. All children are welcome to take part in all performances whether or not they normally attend the above sessions. They will need to be at Playgroup by 10:30am and collected at 11:30am please. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for you to fill in what days you can attend. To begin with, tickets will be limited to two per family for either performance 1 or 2, not both. Once staff have a clear indication of numbers, extra tickets may become available.

Children's Christmas party

This will take place on Friday the 15th of December from 12:00 to 13:45. Please take note that parents/carers will take responsibility for their own children at the party, and parents who are unable to attend must pick children up at 13:45 promptly!

A Christmas party food list is up in the foyer to sign.

Staff/Parents Christmas Party

Our Staff/Parent Christmas party will be taking place on Friday the 1st of December – 7:30pm at The Falcon. Everyone is invited and it is always a great night out! If you would like to join us, please add your name to the list in the foyer. Meal choices and payments need to be in by Friday the 24th of November. We really hope to see you there!

Raffle prizes

We are still in need of prizes for the raffle to be drawn at the Christmas party. Any donations will be appreciated; smellies, chocolates, wine etc...

Easter Egg Hunt planning

Our main fundraising event – the annual Easter Egg Hunt – **will take place on Saturday the 31st of March 2018**. Please put the date in your diaries! We are looking for volunteers to help with this event and our first planning meeting will take place on Wednesday the 22nd of November – 7:30 at The Falcon.

Marisa Vaughan

On behalf of the Staff and Committee

Summary of Dates

Wednesday 22 November	First Easter Egg Hunt planning meeting at 7:30pm
Friday 1 December	Staff/Parents Christmas party at 7:30pm
Monday 11 December	Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 12 December (11 am)	Nativity performance 1
Wednesday 13 December (11 am)	Nativity performance 2
Friday 15 December	End of term 2 Christmas Party 12:00 – 13:45
Wednesday 3 January	Start of term 3
Tuesday 16 January	Committee meeting 7:30pm
Saturday 31 March	Easter Egg Hunt