



# Painswick Playgroup Newsletter

January 2018

## New starters

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and that you are ready for a brand new Term at Painswick Playgroup! A big welcome to new starters Mia, Jasper, Thorin, Lola, Liana and William who have joined Playgroup this term. We hope you are settling in well and making lots of new friends. We would also like to say goodbye to Arty, Io and Flora who have moved on. We wish them all well in their new settings.

## Topics this term

This term our theme is books. The children are all involved in making a collage for the back wall about The Enormous Turnip. We are also hoping to make a library visit this term with some of the children.

## Next committee meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February – 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.

## Christmas raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes or bought raffle tickets at the Nativity – it raised £80 for Playgroup.

## Library visit this week

We are visiting Painswick library this Friday (2 February) and are looking for parent volunteers to help us. If you would like to come with us on this visit, please let a member of staff know. You will need to arrive at Playgroup at 10.15 and we will be back at Playgroup by 11.30.

## Our Committee

A reminder that your committee members are:

<b>Chair</b>	Kirsten Smith
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Lizzie Bennett
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lisa Warnaby
<b>Secretary</b>	Carly Lloyd Jones Marisa Vaughan
<b>Committee</b>	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.*

## 30 hours extended funding

If you believe you are entitled to the 30 hours extended funding, please be aware that you need to recheck your eligibility every 3 months. HMRC should send you reminders to do this, but it is your responsibility. If we are unable to claim the additional funding on your behalf because the recheck has not been completed or the deadline has been missed, we will need to invoice you for those hours. Any questions please contact our Treasurer, Lisa Warnaby.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Our main fundraising event – the annual Easter Egg Hunt – **will take place on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2018**. Please put the date in your diaries! It's a great day out with a fantastic atmosphere, please do let your families, friends and colleagues know about it and encourage them to attend!

## Volunteering at the Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is a really fun day that the whole community can enjoy. However, the event cannot go ahead without the help of enough volunteers. We would like the support of all parents in making this event a success, but in particular, **we are looking for help on the day itself**.

To plan the event, we need to have enough parents to cover the attractions. A board will soon be going up in the Playgroup foyer for parents to sign up to volunteer on the day.

We have split the volunteer slots in to shorter sessions so that parents can still enjoy the event with their families. We would also welcome any help from family members/grandparents or friends/neighbours from the village.

We have some benefits for volunteers. If you sign up for the bouncy castle, your child or children will be able to bounce for free during your half-hour volunteering slot, and volunteers on the cake stall will get a tea and cake token. We will be sending out a note with more details in due course, but if you would like to get involved, please speak to a member of Playgroup staff or the Committee.

## Cake donations, tombola

As well as volunteering, there are lots of other ways to help with preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt. We need donations to the bottle tombola and the chocolate tombola. A box for these items will be put in the foyer at Playgroup soon, along with a sign-up sheet listing the cakes that need to be baked (or bought!) for the cake stall.

A big thank you to everyone who has already been helping and supporting us, especially those parents who have been working on the early stages the event.

*Marisa Vaughan*

*On behalf of the Staff and Committee*

## Summary of Dates

Tuesday 30 January	<b>Easter Egg Hunt planning meeting, 7:30pm at the Falcon</b>
Thursday 8 February	<b>End of term 3</b>
Friday 9 February	<b>Inset day</b>
Monday 19 February	<b>Start of term 4</b>
Tuesday 27 February	<b>Committee meeting 7:30pm</b>
Thursday 29 March <b>2pm</b>	<b>End of term 4</b>
Saturday 31 March	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>
Monday 16 April	<b>Start of term 5</b>