



Painswick Playgroup Newsletter

March 2018

New starters

A big welcome to new starters Andrew, Marina and Noah! We hope you are settling in well and making lots of new friends.

Topics this term

This term our theme is 'people who help us'. We have been planting seeds and watching them grow whilst observing the changes over time. The children have also been making Mother's Day gifts.

Star of the day

This term we have re-started Star of the Day. If your child is selected to be Star of the Day, a note along with the Star Bag will be put in their tray. Please put in just six or eight toys from home that your child can show to everyone at Playgroup, and a book that can be read at story time.

Contacting staff – important reminder!

Please do not facebook or private message Playgroup staff on their personal accounts or text them on their personal numbers, as this is both a safeguarding and data protection issue that Ofsted could fail us on. We have an answer phone at Playgroup for out of hours, and the Playgroup email is picked up by staff during holidays and out of hours.

Thank you for your understanding

Next committee meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday the 24th of April – 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.

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.

30 hours extended funding

Could all parents who believe they may be eligible for 30 hours funding please apply or recheck their code as soon as possible. The deadline is the end of March but there have been many problems with the system, so please apply early to allow extra time in case of delays. If you miss the end of the March deadline and we are unable to claim the funding, you will be charged for any attendance over the standard 15 hours. You can find out whether or not you are eligible on the Childcare Choices website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Any questions please contact our Treasurer, Lisa Warnaby or speak to a member of staff at Playgroup.

Easter Egg Hunt

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! 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!

We need more volunteers!

The Easter Egg Hunt is a really fun day that the whole community can enjoy. **However, we are now concerned that 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 has gone 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 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 has been put in the foyer at Playgroup, 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

Thursday 29 March 2pm	End of term 4
Saturday 31 March	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 16 April	Start of term 5
Tuesday 24 April	Committee meeting 7:30pm