



Painswick Playgroup Newsletter

May 2019

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to our new starters: Poppy, Ava and Harry. We hope that you've settled in well and that you've enjoyed your first term at Playgroup.

What's new at Playgroup

We're delighted to tell you we have purchased some new bikes & trikes to be used outside now the weather's getting warmer.

You may also have noticed that we have been changing some of the display boards with new hessian backgrounds. This is part of an effort to create a more visually calming atmosphere within Playgroup, and so that we can all see and better appreciate the children's lovely artwork. We hope to paint the brightly coloured beams over the Summer holidays, so if there are any volunteers to help with this please let us know!

Topics this term

The topic this term was The Ocean. The children have enjoyed helping create the Baby Shark collage on the back wall, and making fish, jellyfish and crabs.

Next term's topics will be colours & shapes, numbers & letters.

2018/19 Committee

Your committee members are as follows:

Chair	Lizzie Bennett
Treasurer	Lisa Warnaby
Secretary	Susie Andrews
Newsletter	Marisa Vaughan
Committee	Maria Townley Chloe McCarthy Debbie Goodfield Rob Davies-Boulton

	Kate Buser Kelly Howell Ross Jones
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Contact details for all committee members can be found on the notice board in the Playgroup foyer.

Next Committee meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Wednesday the 5th of June – 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.

Inset day

As mentioned in April's newsletter, there will be an inset day **tomorrow - Friday the 24th of May**, therefore the end of Term 5 will be on Thursday the 23rd of May.

Sarah Taylor

As mentioned in our email to parents, Sarah T is back home from hospital and on the mend, which is great news. We have had cover from parents up until now and will update everyone on the situation after half-term holiday.

Vicki Boon

After six wonderful years at Painswick Playgroup, Vicki will be leaving the team on Tuesday the 6th of June to start a new chapter in her working life. Everyone at Playgroup would like to thank her for her hard work over the years, her wonderful care of the children and always having a smile on her face!

P.E Kits – with effect from 3rd June

To help your pre-school age child prepare for school, we would like it if you could please bring a P.E Kit in a bag (t-shirt & shorts) so that they can practice getting changed. The kit will only be used on a Tuesday, and it would be helpful if it is **named**, and left at Playgroup until the end of the summer term. As mentioned in an email to parents, if you can avoid draw-string bags it would be much appreciated.

Parent/Carers evening

Our parent/carers evening is on Tuesday the 2nd of July between 15:00 – 16:00. There is a list of time slots in the foyer for you to choose from. Please note that these timeslots are for children starting school in September. If you are unable to make this date, please see your child's key worker to arrange an alternative. Siblings may attend but must be supervised at all times.

Summer fun day!

To allow Playgroup leaders to complete their annual appraisals, and to hold the above parents/carers sessions, Playgroup will be closed on Tuesday 2nd July. The annual summer fun day will be held at Painswick Recreation ground on this day between 11:00am and 15:00pm. All children and siblings are welcome but must be supervised by an adult as staff will be unavailable. A bouncy castle has been booked; please do bring a picnic - squash and tea/coffee will be provided.

Last day of term - summer holidays

A letter has been sent out with regards to a proposed closure of Playgroup on Friday the 19th July from 9:00 – 12:00 for pre-school children only. This is to allow our new starters a chance to have a settling in session and meet the current younger children. We are letting parents know of this change in good time to allow you to make alternative arrangements. If your pre-school child normally attends on a Friday morning, you will not be charged for these hours.

Spaces for September

We are looking forward to welcoming new starters in September, and whilst our sessions are still being booked, we still do have spaces across various

sessions, including whole days, so please ask a member of staff if you are looking to increase your child's hours, or if you know of any families looking to attend our Playgroup in September.

And finally... Egg Hunt - a HUGE thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered, supported or attended our Easter Egg Hunt. We are delighted that the event was such a big success – raising around £4,500 (final figure TBC), all of which goes to support our community playgroup and our children who attend.

We as the organising committee, and everyone involved with Painswick Playgroup, are indebted to everyone who played a part in making the event happen. It was wonderful to see the streets of Painswick alive with families and colour, having fun and enjoying what has become a real highlight of the village calendar. It is testament to the community we live in that so many people came together to pull off yet another truly special Egg Hunt.

Summary of Dates – cut out & keep!

Thursday 23 May	End of term 5
Friday 24 May	Inset day
Monday 3 June	Start of term 6
Wednesday 5 June	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday 2 July	Parent's evening for pre-schoolers and summer fun day! (<u>Playgroup closed</u>)
Thursday 18 July	End of term 6 for Pre- School children
Friday 19 July	End of term 6 for younger children – <u>pick up at 2pm</u>
Friday 19 July	Teddy Bears Picnic

Marisa Vaughan

On behalf of the Staff and Committee

