



Painswick Playgroup Newsletter

April 2019

Welcome!

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

Topics this term

The topic this term was Spring, and we have planted seeds. The children watched and discussed the changes they saw as the seeds grew. Hopefully we will be able to sample some of the produce at snack time later on in the year. We have made scones for our lovely mummies for Mother's Day and have made the most of the sunshine by playing outside in the garden and on the playing field.

2018/19 Committee

Please note that two committee members have stepped down, and your committee members are now 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

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 Tuesday the 7th of May – 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

There will be **an inset day on Friday the 24th of May**, therefore the end of Term 5 will be on Thursday the 23rd of May.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt 2019

Please help the Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt 2019!

Our main fundraising event – the annual Easter Egg Hunt – will take place on Saturday the 20th of April 2019. Please put the date in your diaries! Last year we raised a huge £5,000 with all proceeds going directly to the benefit of our children.

To make this happen we need your help in **ALL** the following ways:

Volunteer on the day

A volunteering list has been placed in the foyer at Playgroup for you to sign up to help on the day. There are many slots to fill.

Unfortunately, we have no volunteers from the village yet, so are relying on all the families at Playgroup to sign up to volunteer. We have split the volunteer slots in to shorter sessions so that parents can still enjoy the event with their families, and we would also welcome any help from family members, grandparents, friends or neighbours from the village.

We do 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 volunteering slot, and volunteers on the cake stall will get a tea and cake token.

Bake a cake

Bake a cake for the cake stall – a list of cakes can be found in the foyer at Playgroup, please sign up to your preferred cake. We will update you soon on labelling requirements and where to take your cake on the day.

Donate to the chocolate and bottle tombola

We need donations of nice chocolatey gifts (a perfect chance to clear your cupboards of leftover Christmas, Valentine's or Mother's Day chocolates!). The bottle tombola doesn't necessarily need to be alcohol (although we do need alcohol!) other options could be toiletries, household items, soft drinks etc... A box for these items can be found in the foyer at Playgroup.

Help publicise the event

Help us publicise the event! Please like and share our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/PainswickEasterEggHunt

We will also be putting leaflets in trays soon, please put them in places you think will be helpful e.g. your workplace, canteen, gym, waiting rooms, local community centre, local businesses or offices, your house window or garden gate, or inside your car. If you would like additional promotional leaflets/posters, please ask Playgroup.

A massive thank you to all who have helped and contributed so far!

The Painswick Easter Egg Hunt Team

Summary of Dates – cut out and keep!

Wednesday 3 April	Easter Egg Hunt meeting
Friday 5 April	End of term 4
Saturday 20 April	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 22 April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 23 April	Start of term 5
Thursday 23 May	End of term 5
Friday 24 May	Inset day
Monday 3 June	Start of term 6
Thursday 18 July	End of term 6 for Pre-School children
Friday 19 July	End of term 6 for younger children – pick up at 2pm
Friday 19 July	Teddy Bears Picnic

Marisa Vaughan

On behalf of the Staff and Committee