



# Painswick Playgroup Newsletter

January 2019

## Welcome!

Welcome back everyone! We hope Christmas was fun and relaxing and you are ready for a new term at Painswick Playgroup!

A very warm welcome to our new starters: Annabel, George, Beatrice and Noah. We hope that you're settling in well and making new friends.

## Topics this term

This term the children will be focusing on 'Space'.

We are also going to be celebrating Chinese New Year (the year of the Pig) on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February, and making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday in March.

## 2018/19 Committee

Your committee members are:

<b>Chair</b>	Lizzie Bennett
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lisa Warnaby
<b>Secretary</b>	Susie Andrews
<b>Newsletter</b>	Marisa Vaughan
<b>Committee</b>	Maria Townley Chloe McCarthy Debbie Goodfield Chantell Mustoe 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 Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March – 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.

## Term dates and inset day

There will be **an inset day on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February**, therefore the end of Term 3 will be on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. The next term at Playgroup will start on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, please see the 'Summary of Dates' section of this newsletter for more key dates.

## Signing in and out

Can you please ensure that you (or whoever is bringing you child in and picking them up) writes the time of pick-up and collection in the sign-in book in the foyer. This is a requirement of both our Safeguarding policy and Ofsted standards.

## Diaries

Can you please pop your child's diary in the purple box in the foyer under the name of your child's keyworker. As you can appreciate, it can take time to look in bags for the diaries, and with keyworkers responsible for up to ten children each, it quickly becomes a time-consuming task.

## Winter weather

As we move towards winter, can you please ensure that your child comes to playgroup with appropriate clothing and footwear, for example - waterproof coats, warm jumpers, wellies or boots, and gloves, hats and scarves. We let the children play outside all year round so it is important that they have the correct clothing. If children come to Playgroup in wellies please remember to also bring some indoor shoes for them.

## Emergency closure guidelines

Gloucestershire County Council have issued new guidelines for closing in case of snow etc. These can be viewed from 3 December at:

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures)

## Easter Egg Hunt 2019

The Egg Hunt team are now 'cracking' on with the planning for this year's Playgroup fundraiser. Save the date for Easter Saturday, 20th April, 12-4pm!

We really need some fabulous raffle prizes, so if you work for a business or company who could donate something, or you yourself can donate something special, please get in touch. We also desperately need volunteers to help out on the day, setting up in the morning, helping out during the event, and clearing up afterwards. It's nearly impossible to pull the Egg Hunt off without enough hands, so PLEASE offer us your time if you can - even just an hour would be wonderful and would mean you could still enjoy the hunt with your family. Email us at [eastersgghuntpainswick@gmail.com](mailto:eastersgghuntpainswick@gmail.com)

## Summary of Dates – cut out and keep!

Thursday 14 February	<b>End of term 3</b>
Friday 15 February	<b>Inset Day</b>
Monday 28 February	<b>Start of term 4</b>
Wednesday 27 February	<b>Egg Hunt meeting</b> <b>7:30pm The Falcon</b>
Wednesday 6 March	<b>Committee meeting</b> <b>7:30pm - Playgroup</b>
Saturday 20 April 2019	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>

**Marisa Vaughan**

**On behalf of the Staff and Committee**