



Painswick Playgroup Newsletter

June 2019

Welcome!

Welcome back to Term Six! We hope that everybody enjoyed their week off and are ready for the final term at Playgroup!

Topics this term

The topic this term is Colours, Shapes, Letters & Numbers. The children have enjoyed making Father's day cards, and will be mixing colours in the next few weeks, whilst the pre-school children will be continuing with learning their letter of the week.

School children from The Croft will also be coming up for a couple of visits alongside teachers who are coming to observe children going on to The Croft in September.

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

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 17th of July – 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.

Sarah Taylor

As mentioned in our email to parents, Sarah T is back at Playgroup working mornings only until the end of term, to ensure she has plenty of time to recuperate fully. The shortfall in staffing is being covered by former Playgroup Chair, Kirsten Smith, and agency staff.

Job vacancy

Vicki Boon has now left Playgroup, and we are currently advertising the job vacancy. If you know of anyone who is interested, please ask them to email painswickplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk for more details and an application form. The closing date for applications is Friday the 21st of June.

30 hours funding deadline

Parents eligible for this funding must reapply prior to each deadline. You will need to do this process three times a year in August, December & March. **Please note that the 31st of August deadline is coming up.** 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.

A reminder will be put on the white board outside playgroup two weeks before each deadline to help remind you.

Playgroup invoices

Please note that all outstanding invoices **MUST** be paid by the end of term. If you have any questions about the 30 hours funding or Playgroup invoices,

please contact our Treasurer, Lisa Warnaby on lwarnaby@yahoo.com

Playgroup questionnaire

The Parents & Carers questionnaire has been placed in trays; please do complete this document and return it by the beginning of July (anonymously if you wish). It helps us understand what we are doing right and gives us ideas on where improvements can be made.

Painting beams – help needed

We need to paint our beams at Playgroup, and are asking if a parent, or group of parents would be willing to volunteer to do this for us in the summer holidays? It would be a great help to us, and will get the room looking smart before the start of the new school year.

Taster days at The Croft School

Information regarding Taster Sessions at The Croft school for children starting in September has been put in trays. The Taster Sessions will take place on Wednesday the 26th of June from 10:00am – 12:00pm, and Monday the 1st of July from 10:00am – 12:00pm. If your child does not usually attend on these days then you will need to be responsible for dropping off and collecting from The Croft school.

Parent/Carers evening – 2 July

Our parent/carers evening will take place on Tuesday the 2nd of July between 15:00 – 16:00. This is for children starting school in September only, and if you haven't signed up yet and would like to, there is a list of time slots in the foyer for you to choose from. 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 – 2 July!

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.

Leavers' Party – 16 July

A leavers' party will take place for our pre-school children on Tuesday the 16th of July from 12:00am – 15:30pm. If the weather is good, we will be having a water party, so please make sure you bring a water pistol, change of clothes and a towel for your child. Food will be served from 12:00, and there will be sign-up sheets for food items in the foyer nearer the time.

Last day of term – 19 July

This is our last day of term. Please remember that **Playgroup will be closed 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. If your pre-school child normally attends on a Friday morning, you will not be charged for these hours.

Teddy Bear's Picnic – 19 July

We are having our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic on Friday the 19th of July from 12:00 – 14:00, to which EVERYONE is invited. All children need to be supervised either by their parent or by someone else's parent, but could staff be made aware if this happens please. More detailed information about the picnic will be put in trays nearer the time.

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.

Summary of Dates – cut out & keep!

Wednesday 26 June	Taster day at the Croft School 10:00am – 12:00pm
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Monday 1 July	Taster day at the Croft School 10:00am – 12:00pm
Tuesday 2 July	Parent's evening for pre-schoolers <u>(Playgroup closed)</u>
Tuesday 2 July	Summer Fun Day at the Painswick Rec 11:00am – 15:00pm
Tuesday 16 July	Leavers' Party 12:00am – 15:30pm
Wednesday 17 July	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
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 – 12:00 – 14:00pm

Marisa Vaughan

On behalf of the Staff and Committee