



## Penhill Playgroup Newsletter February/March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

This half term has flown by. We have looked at shapes, transport, people who help us, dinosaurs and Chinese New Year! You may also have noticed a new staff face and I would like to introduce you to Phillippa Lenton-Watson, who started working with us in January, a couple of mornings a week.

On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** we are having a pyjama day, when we would like the children to come dressed in pyjamas/dressing gown as a way of celebrating World Book Day. During that week, your child will receive a Book Token worth £1 which can be used to purchase one of the special World Book Day Books, or can be used towards the purchase of a more expensive book.

**Sports Relief** is on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. We are asking children to come dressed in something sporty and to bring in a donation for doing this and will be planning some fun sporty activities for them to take part in.

Our annual Mother's Day Afternoon will be on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 12.30 – 2.30pm**. (Letter to follow.) This is an informal opportunity for you Mum's, Grandma's, Auntie's, to come in and share a Playgroup session with your child and take the opportunity to look through and contribute to their Learning Journal, which is a record of their progress and achievements at Playgroup. If you are unable to attend the Mother's Day afternoon, but would like to arrange a time to come in and talk to your child's Key person and to look at your child's Learning Journal, please speak to Katie to arrange a mutually convenient time.

After Half Term, we will be asking for donations of chocolate, which we will put together to make a lovely big chocolatey **Easter Raffle**. Tickets will go on sale from March 8<sup>th</sup> and will cost £1 for 5. The draw will take place on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at our Toddler Group.

We are now collecting **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers 2016** which are being issued in store until May, please post them in the collecting box.

Lastly, please help us by labelling your child's jumpers/coats and bags as we do try and get outside on most days and it helps us to identify your child's belongings more easily and if you have borrowed any Playgroup clothing, please return it! Thank you.

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

Closed for Half Term

Pyjama Day at Playgroup

World Book Day

Mother's Day Afternoon at Playgroup

Sports Relief fundraising

Playtime Photos at Playgroup & Toddler Group

End of Spring Term.

Beginning of Summer Term

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