



Penhill Playgroup Newsletter
September 2021



Welcome back to Penhill Playgroup, we hope you have all had a lovely summer. We would especially like to welcome the new families joining us this term. Thank you for choosing Penhill Playgroup for your child. We hope you enjoy your time with us and that you and your child make many new friends here. We also need to welcome our new Playgroup Assistant, Hannah Phillips, who joins the team this term and will be working every day.

This Half Term our themes are about *Getting to Know You* - thinking about families, homes and the local community, followed by traditional tales of *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and the *Teddy Bear's Picnic*. We will also be having a Harvest food collection for the local Foodbank in October. A list of suggested items will be available nearer the time and if you are able to contribute anything, it would be appreciated.

The plans for our new garden and growing area are in hand. The planters have been made, the ground levelled and our friends at *Men in Sheds* and *Keep Lancing Lovely* will be coming along to install them and help us get our growing underway very soon. We will put photos onto our website and Facebook Group as soon as the work is complete. It has been lovely to hear about and in some cases see the results of our bean growing we did last term. Unfortunately, the runner beans at Playgroup all died, but we did manage to grow two broad beans, so have had a look at those and looked at the bean seeds inside. The most important question however, is did anyone find a giant at the top of their beanstalk?

We are planning to open our Facebook Group once a month for an hour. This proved popular last year and provides an opportunity for you to post comments, questions and photos (if you wish to, but please remember it is a public group, so anyone can see them). You can also use the group to let us know what you and your child have been up to. It is run and monitored by two members of staff and takes place on a Tuesday afternoon. The first session will be on Tuesday 14th September at 3.30pm.

We are also looking for parents/carers to join our steering committee. The committee meets approximately once a term, to discuss all aspects of the Playgroup. You can get involved as much or as little as you want. If you would like to become a committee member, you will need to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and become a Charity Trustee. Please speak to Katie if you would like to know more; or come along to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday September 21st at 8pm at Playgroup.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st September - Playgroup AGM, 8pm at the Guide Hall.

11th - 22nd October - Harvest Foodbank collection

18th October - Healthy Parents Picnic and Catch Up 11.30am - 2pm (details to follow)

25th - 29th October - closed for Half Term