



## Penhill Playgroup Newsletter January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all and we hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and New Year. We raised over £130 from our Christmas Raffle and Fundraising activities and were able to send a £10 donation to St Barnabas Hospice for "Wearing it Festive". Thank you for your support with these fundraising initiatives.

Could you please make sure your child is warmly dressed with plenty of layers on, as our hall is a large area in which to maintain a consistently high temperature. If your child borrows any Playgroup clothing, please ensure that it comes back to Playgroup again. All Playgroup clothing should have "PP" on the label. We have Playgroup t-shirts £5.50 and jumpers £9.50 available to buy. If your child wears earrings, please ensure they only wear studs as they can easily get caught in clothing and hats. Please also ensure that your child wears sensible footwear for climbing, jumping and running.

Don't forget to bring in a piece of fruit each week for the children to share, or an alternative such as a carrot, celery stick, cucumber, tomato etc. We are currently inundated with breadsticks, so please don't bring any more of these in for the time being, thank you! A selection of what is brought in each day is cut up and offered to the children as a healthy snack, along with water or milk to drink.

This half term we will be investigating themes of transport, people who help us, Chinese New Year and doing some focused work around numbers and recognising numerals.

West Sussex County Council is now able to offer **free** online Solihull Approach training to all West Sussex residents! The Solihull Approach is a way for families to explore their feelings and build strong, healthy relationships. It can help deal with challenging behaviour, but it's also great information for all parents/carers who want learn more about how feelings and relationships interact in a family. There are 3 courses: Understanding Pregnancy, Labour, Birth and Your Baby; Understanding Your Baby (birth-12 months); Understanding Your Child (0-18 years). To learn more or to sign up, go to: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/onlineparenting](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/onlineparenting).

Don't forget your child's Learning Journal is available every day. If you would like the opportunity to look through it, please ask. We provide a formal opportunity to do this once a term, but welcome your input and feedback throughout the year. The Journals are regularly updated with photos, comments and observations and provide a record of your child's learning, development and achievements.

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Penhill Committee Meeting, 7.30pm at Hall

Closed for Half Term

World Book Day

Comic Relief Fundraising (details to follow)

Last day of term

Closed for Easter Holidays