



Penhill Playgroup Newsletter
January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021. We hope you all had a pleasant Christmas and New Year break, however strange and quiet it was. We managed to raise £77 from our Christmas Stocking Raffle, Craft Kits and Santa letters, so thank you for your support with these fundraising initiatives.

Welcome to our new families that have joined us, whether your child is coming into Playgroup or you are keeping them at home. We hope you feel welcome and part of the family and hope that you and your child enjoy your time with us, making many new friends.

Our Safeguarding and Health and Safety Policies were updated over the Christmas break, along with our Coronavirus Risk Assessment. These and all our policies are available to view or download from our website www.penhillplaygroup.org.uk or please ask and we can provide you with a paper version.

We currently have up to 10 children attending regularly throughout the week and aim to contact those of you whose children are at home, at least every fortnight. Staff have been busy planning ideas and activities that you can do at home with your child too, if you want to and these have been emailed or sent to you virtually. Some of these are general ideas, others have been tailored to your child's specific learning and development steps. We are also trying to post activity ideas on our Facebook group every day.

Don't forget our Facebook Group is open for comments and feedback every Tuesday afternoon 3.30pm - 4.30pm (term time only), if you would like to share ideas, pictures or just say hello, we'd love to hear from you.

Some of you have sent us pictures and video clips via What's App showing us what you and your children have been getting up to during Lockdown. We love to see these and sometimes can suggest follow up activities and ideas for you to do too. It also gives us a conversation starting point with your child, when they return, so please feel free to keep sending them through!

At Playgroup this term, we have already looked at toys and Polar regions and this week are looking at Recycling and the Environment, then we'll be focusing on transport, specifically boats and aeroplanes and finally celebrating Chinese New Year just before Half Term.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th February	Half term week. Playgroup closed
Tuesday 16 th February	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
Sunday 14 th March	Mothering Sunday
Thursday 1 st April	Last day of term

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