



Penhill Playgroup Newsletter
December 2024



Dear Parents and carers

As we approach the end of a very long and busy term, we are pleased to welcome Ginette Norris, our new member of staff who will be joining us from the beginning of December. Ginette brings a wealth of experience working with children, babies and families and we are sure she will be a great addition to the team.

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Christmas Market, which raised £250. Our **Raffle Tickets** are now on sale, **£1 for 5**. The draw takes place on **Thursday 19th December** at our Christmas Craft Afternoon. Prizes include a hamper, a £10 Coffee Lounge Voucher, Free entry to the Flying Fortress, children's books, chocolates and a paddle board and yacht sailing experience. Why not buy your tickets today?

If you weren't able to attend our Parent/Carer afternoon and have the opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journal, speak to their key person and would like to, please let Katie know and we will arrange a convenient time for you to do so. We're sure you will enjoy seeing the photos of what your child has been up to this term and find out what skills we are working on with them. It's a great opportunity to share their progress and development.

Christmas Cards - instead of children bringing in and taking home cards for each other this year, we are suggesting that if your child wants to make or write a Christmas card, that they just do one, for everybody at Playgroup, which we will display on our wall for all the children to see. This is more environmentally friendly and means no-one feels left out. Children are welcome to post them in our table top post box when they arrive.

We are holding our annual **Christmas Craft Afternoon** on **Thursday 19th December 12.30pm - 2.30pm** and you are all warmly invited to join us. There will be opportunities to make cards, calendars, lanterns and other festive delights. Refreshments for both adults and children will be available. The afternoon costs £2 per family; no need to book, just turn up. Please let other parents and carers know as the afternoon is open to everyone. Please bring some extra cash to buy raffle tickets, cakes and have a go on the Lucky Dip.

Friday 20th December is our **Playgroup Christmas Party**, at the usual time 9am - 12noon, for all children who attend Playgroup, even if they do not usually attend on a Friday morning. If your child is **not** able to attend this celebration, please let Katie know, so that she can arrange for their Christmas present to be delivered on an alternative date. This is also the last day of term and we re-open on **Monday 6th January 2025**

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year