



Penhill Playgroup Newsletter
September 2024



Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to Penhill Playgroup, we hope you have all had a lovely summer. We would like to welcome our two new members of staff, Lisa Ansell and Becky Hicks, who have settled in well and are currently getting to grips with the way the Playgroup runs.

We also especially welcome the new families that have joined 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.

This Half Term our themes are "All About Me and My Family", "Feelings, Emotions and Senses", "Shapes", "Harvest on the Farm", "Autumn", "Going On a Bear Hunt" and "Goldilocks". We will be having a **Harvest food collection** for the local Foodbank from 30th September to 25th October and a list of suggested items will be available shortly if you are able to contribute anything.

We were very pleased with our Ofsted Inspection that took place at the end of last term. You should all have been emailed a copy over the summer, but if you didn't get one, please ask, or you can view the report on our website www.penhillplaygroup.org.uk

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you will need to **apply for a school place** for them to start in September 2025. **Applications should be completed online and open on Monday 7th October.** The **closing date** for applications is **January 15th 2025.** More information about how to apply for a school place will be provided at the beginning of October, but watch out for information about Open Days, tours and events taking place at local schools this term. We will post details of any open days or tours we are notified of on our Facebook group and, where possible display posters on our door. You can also contact local schools direct and ask to have a look round.

The Playgroup is holding it's **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on **Wednesday September 25th at 7.30pm.** All parents and carers are invited to come along to find out what has been happening at Playgroup over the past year and our plans for the future. We would also welcome 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 the meeting.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 25th September - Playgroup AGM, 7.30pm at the Guide Hall.

30th September - 25th October - Harvest Foodbank collection (more details to follow)

28th October - 1st November - Playgroup closed for Half Term