



### Term Dates

We break up for Christmas on **Monday 21st December** and return on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

If you attend during term time only, term begins on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016**.

### Annual General Meeting

Watch out for news of our AGM, which will be in the new year. Everyone is welcome to come along and hear how the year has gone and learn about our plans for the future.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please come along to any committee meeting held (dates are posted in the Playgroup Foyer) or speak to Dawn or Melissa (Tel: 833059).

# November 2015 Newsletter

## Happy Christmas!

Although it seems a little early...we'd like to wish all our playgroup families a very Happy Christmas!



## Holiday Stories

Thank you to everyone who returned our holiday sheets. These were given out the first week after the summer holidays, with space for you to put in photos or write in what your child had been doing over the summer.

We had some lovely ones back we have put them into a folder which is accessible to all the children to look at. Children who brought them back have had great fun talking to everyone else about what they did, recalling special days out. If you didn't manage to return it over the summer and would like to do one over Christmas, I will leave some in the basket in the entrance, feel free to take one and tell us how you and your family celebrate the festive period.

## Christmas Shopping

Please remember to do all your online Christmas shopping this year via the easy fundraising website as we get a % donation from the retailers. All the big names are on there: M&S, John Lewis, Amazon, Tesco etc.

To register please visit: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for Alne Pre-school Playgroup



## Chilly Days

**Please remember to bring a coat for every session for your child** that is labelled with their name. We do try to get outside to play every day – whatever the weather!



## Playgroup Clothes

Did you know you can purchase sweatshirts (£9) and t-shirts (£5) with the Playgroup logo on!? Not only will it save your own clothes from the paint and glue that is often evidence of the fun we have but it will also help to raise money for Playgroup too. Please see samples in the Foyer and speak to Dawn if you'd like to buy any.

## Stay and Play



Parents, grandparents and carers are very welcome to stay and play with their children at Playgroup. Very often your child is keen to show you what they get up to, and who their friends are. They love having you there as part of their day. There is every opportunity to explore different activities with your child that you may not have the opportunity to try at home. Sign-up sheets are in the Foyer for those who are interested.

## Take Home Books

Please have a look through our book box for books you can take home and share with your child. All we ask is that you sign them out so we know where they are. The book box is located in the Foyer. Please ask a member of staff if you can't see it.



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## Diary Dates

All our diary dates aim to be fun and sociable as well as to raise funds for the pre-school. Your support therefore is always welcomed. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the playgroup foyer prior to each event where help is needed...or simply attending the events is also a wonderful support to us!

### Photo Shoot – February / March

We've had some great photos taken in the past so will be re-booking a photographer for Mothers day or Fathers day gifts. Families can book a FOC sitting with the option to purchase prints once proofs have been received.

### World Book Day – 5<sup>th</sup> March

It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world. At Pre-School we're inviting all children to come dressed as their favourite book character for a donation of £1...so get your thinking caps on!!!

### Kiddy Kit – 5<sup>th</sup> March

Our first sale of 2016 will offer a great chance to have a new year clear out of toys, books, games and clothes for ages 2-11. Sellers receive 50% of the sale price and buyers have a wonderful opportunity to grab some amazing bargains. If you're interested in selling items of helping out at the event then please contact Dawn for more information nearer the time. There will be a new venue as we move to the Galtres Centre at Easingwold, in a bid to reach out to more potential customers.

## Fees

Just to remind you of our fees and that session places are available should you wish to take advantage of them...

### Breakfast

45 minute session that includes a cooked option every morning - £3.15

### AM/PM Sessions

£9.45 per session

### Lunch

No change; to remain at £2.75 with a hot meal option costing an additional £2.00 – hot meal menus are displayed in the playgroup foyer and must be ordered the week prior

### After School Session

2.5 hour session that includes snacks and a light tea - £7.90

## Outstanding Fees

Please can we kindly ask that any outstanding fees are paid as soon as possible.



We'd like to say a massive thank you for all your help and support with our recent cake stall. It was a great success...we raised £72 and the baking was delicious!

## FEES

We'd like to highlight that payment is required within 21 days of invoice. Reluctantly we have had to put in place a late charge fee, you should all have received a letter in your November invoice, if you have not, please ask Dawn for a copy, as the law enforcement tell us 'ignorance is no defence!'

## Bag a Fab Christmas Gift!

We have some of our wonderful canvas shoppers left that have been personalized by the children with handprints and self portraits. They'd make a lovely stocking filler so please see Dawn if you'd like to buy one.

## Christmas Party

As opposed to a single party we will be having a week of celebrations (15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December), with Christmas crafts, party food and party games.



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