



Radcliffe-on-Trent Pre-School Playgroup

Autumn Term Update Nov 2020

Committee News

Following our AGM in October we said goodbye and thank you to some longstanding committee members but particularly to Nikki Farnsworth, our outgoing Chair, who had tirelessly championed Playgroup and helped us through our move to our new premises.

We are delighted to welcome our new committee who are:
Chair – Kate Morley-Tyson

Treasurer and Vice-Chair – Kirsty Hird

Secretary – Zoe Waterman

General and Affiliate Members - Gemma Ingram, Hannah Anderson, Angela Alcock, Charlotte Hall and June Barnes.

You can contact committee through Playgroup and if you would like to join, or just be involved in fundraising initiatives, then please get in touch.

Fundraising, grants and donations

We are pleased to report that June has started to use the donation from Sandi McLeod Photography to good effect, purchasing £400 of amazing craft resources which are already being used for Diwali and planned for Christmas crafts. We are still looking to find a suitable children's wooden play castle (the size for playing with figurines), something sturdy enough for pre-schoolers – if you know of someone who supplies wooden toys or might be able to make one for us please speak to June.

Co-op grant

The final payment from the Co-op grant is now in – a huge £2,173.21 Thank you so much to our wonderful local Co-op and to the residents who supported us! The money is earmarked for some fabulous resources – an outdoor mark-making cupboard from which children will be able to choose chalks, pens, paper and boards etc to draw, write and make marks outside – and windy and rainy days boxes with activities and games inside for outdoor exploration and play. The boxes will also be able to be used at community events – when we are able to have them again!

Winter Weather and warm clothing

In the event of snow/bad weather Playgroup will follow the Infant and Nursery School in deciding whether to close. If this happens we will notify parents as soon as we can using Facebook and our website so please check these for updates.

In line with Covid guidelines we are keeping windows open at Playgroup as much as we can. Although we have heaters inside, please send your child in warm clothing for indoors as well as for outside. If your child comes to Playgroup in Wellingtons please also send a spare pair of shoes for indoor use as June our Supervisor is highly allergic to latex. Thank you.

Ad hoc sessions As Christmas approaches you may find it helpful to use Playgroup to find a little extra time in your schedule! We have ad hoc places available on a number of sessions, particularly afternoons. Please ask Deborah or June about booking in.



Children in Need

The children enjoyed dressing up and doing Pudsey crafts. Thank you for your donations to Children in Need.

Diwali activities

This week we are making Diwali crafts including Diva lamps and Rangoli patterns.

Playgroup Nativity

Unfortunately, we won't be able to welcome you to our usual Playgroup Nativity this year but during December we will be involving the children in Christmas songs and telling the Christmas story. We are aiming to film some mini-Nativities with our older children and to share these with you on Tapestry. We will be asking for parental consent so that we have your permission before including your child.

Christmas activities

We will be doing lots to make the weeks before Christmas special for your children. We will be doing Christmas crafts throughout the run-up to the Christmas break and in the last week we will have Christmas parties with party food and games.

Christmas Quiz and Children's Colouring Activity

We have a fundraising Quiz available to buy for £2 from Playgroup or from Burleys in the village, with a children's Christmas colouring activity for a 50p donation. The Quiz asks you to work out the Christmas songs and carols from their initials and would be fun to buy for family and neighbours too. Prize for the first correct entry pulled out of a hat! Your children's Christmas colouring entries will be laminated and displayed along our fence so please write your child's name on the back.

Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 18th December

Playgroup re-opens after the Christmas break on **Monday 4th January**. Please see our website for Playgroup dates for 2021.