

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Firstly we wish to inform all of our families of the upcoming Committee Meeting on **Wednesday 7th March, 7.30pm at the Eagle & Serpent, Kinlet**. EVERYONE is welcome to attend!

For new families to Playgroup - our Playgroup is run by a Management Committee which is made up of our parents/carers. We have a good number of members for our current Committee, with most families being involved, but we are always able to take more - this is a great opportunity for you to become a real part of Playgroup and to have a say in decisions that affect you and your children, and also to be a help in our fundraising efforts!

The Committee usually meets once per term, often at The Eagle in Kinlet on an evening, but this can be flexible to meet the needs of Committee members so don't be put off if this time is inconvenient!

If becoming a member sounds interesting to you, please chat to our current Chairperson, Katie Blakemore, or Mrs. Ward/Miss. Pearson, and please do come along to the next meeting!

WELCOME We have seen several new faces join both Playgroup and our Thursday morning 'Little Tiddlers' session so far this term! Welcome to William, Esmée, Maggie, Sophie, Sally, Eva and Harry who have started Playgroup, and to all of the new 'Tiddlers'!

New Uniform

Uniform is not compulsory at Playgroup, but is on offer to purchase to help you 'save' your children's clothes! We have limited stocks available of the t-shirts on the wall in the foyer (at £4).

We are also pleased to let you know that we will soon be introducing polo t-shirts and jumpers. These will have an embroidered Playgroup logo and will be ordered directly from Stitches in Bridgnorth - the prices will be exactly what they charge us. We will be sending out a letter/order form when our samples are available for you to see, and then we will place an initial order after a few weeks. There is no pressure to buy, but we hope that anyone who does will be pleased with their purchase!

FRUIT/VEGETABLE DONATIONS and HEALTHY EATING

As we have some new families we would like to inform (or remind) you that we ask you to provide one piece of fresh fruit or veg per day that your child attends - this helps us to keep our running costs down which in turn enables us to keep our rates as low as possible for you. If you don't have anything fresh in the fruit bowl, we don't mind tinned (in juice) or dried fruit! Remember that as well as the usual apples, banana, oranges etc, different items, e.g. pineapple, tomatoes, sugar snap peas, etc, go down well!

Also a little reminder to keep lunch boxes healthy and interesting; provide a savoury e.g. sandwich or crackers, some fruit, a yoghurt/cheese perhaps... and a small treat is always nice for afters! We always provide water for your children at lunch time - please don't worry if you don't think they like water - you'd be surprised what they will have at Playgroup! Thank you to everyone who remembers to cut up grapes too - these constitute a major choking hazard, so remembering to cut them length ways is brilliant!

IMPORTANT DATES

Half Term - Mon 19th - Fri 23rd February
PD Day - CLOSED - Mon 26th February
Committee Meeting - Wed 7th March, 7.30
Sponsored Walk - Wednesday 28th March
Easter Hol - Fri 30th Mar to Fri 13th April
Summer Term Begins - Mon 16th April

Happy Birthday to William and Kyra who celebrated their 4th birthdays in February, and to Zach Q who will be 3 in March!

SCHOOL We are lucky enough to have Kinlet School on our doorstep, and as such have fantastic links. On Friday mornings, the older children are spending some time at school with Reception Class and Miss. Spencer, and from this half term we will be spending some Friday afternoons in the Forest Schools area!

EASTER SPONSORED WALK

As a fundraising activity for Playgroup, we hold an annual sponsored walk from Playgroup to Kinlet Church. This is a staffed event, but parents/carers/grandparents etc (!) are very welcome and very helpful along the way! This year the event will take place on the morning of **Wednesday 28th March**. Please keep an eye out in book bags for a letter and sponsor form!



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