

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Firstly we wish to inform all of our families of the upcoming Committee Meeting on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm at the Eagle & Serpent, Kinlet.** EVERYONE is welcome to attend!

Our Playgroup is run by a Management Committee which is made up of our parents/carers. We can't stress enough to everyone how vital it is to have enough people on the Committee - less than 5 members and the Playgroup will not be able to operate!!! WE WOULD CLOSE OUR DOORS!!

Our Committee this year is made up largely of new 'blood', including Matt Norman (Freddie N's Dad) as the Chair, Laura Vernon (Freddie V's Mum) as the Treasurer, Katie Blakemore (Dougie & Seth's Mum) as the Secretary, as well as Katie Emery (Isabelle's Mum).

Matt and his new Committee wish to make meetings an interesting and fun discussion time, and hope that one person from each family will join (if your child will be with us going into the next academic year), as it is you who can help to make decisions that affect what happens to your child in Playgroup.

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

The Committee is also our biggest help in fundraising to provide experiences and equipment for our children, so if this is something you would like to get involved with, come along to the meetings and give us your ideas! 😊

Happy Birthday to Dougie, Ethan and Jasmin, who celebrated their 4<sup>th</sup> birthdays in January, and also to Alfie who will be 4 in April!

## EASTER FUNDRAISING

We often hold a fundraising event at Easter - a sponsored Spring Walk to Kinlet Church. This fundraising, as well as a possible raffle, will be discussed at the Committee Meeting. Please keep an eye out for further information after half term - as well as sponsor forms! If you're able to provide any raffle prizes, please let us know ASAP!



## IMPORTANT DATES

Committee Meeting - Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30  
Half Term - Mon 20<sup>th</sup> to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb  
PD Day (CLOSED) - Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Easter Hol - Mon 10<sup>th</sup> to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April

## FRUIT/VEGETABLE DONATIONS and HEALTHY EATING

We would like to say thank you to all of our families who have continued to provide us with a small donation of a piece of fruit or veg for snack time. As we have some new families we would like to just inform (or remind) you all 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 always goes down well!

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!

## OUR LEARNING

This half term we have been busy learning about Senses. Your children should be aware of their hearing, sight, sense of smell and taste, and will learn about touch next! After half term we will be looking at our environment.

**SEPTEMBER 2017** As many of you will be aware, the government are increasing the amount of funded hours from 15 hours to 30 hours per week - **for children from families with working parents** (16 hours or more per week, under £100k per year). As KFP is currently open 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  hours per week, we will be discussing how to address this increase and our opening hours at the Committee Meeting. If you wish to be involved, come along! Please also look out for a questionnaire in the near future regarding your usage/wishes for our future opening hours.