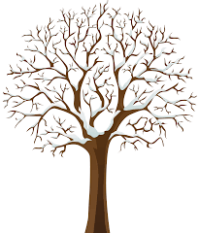


Happy New Year to all members of **Kingswood Village Playgroup**! And Welcome to our new Winter term. We hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas break.

A very warm welcome to our new starters and their families. If there is anything you would like to know, or feel unsure about, just ask. You can email us at: [playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com).

Please also have a look at our website [www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk)

for further details about the day-to-day operation of playgroup, term dates, and to peruse our lovely picture gallery.



The weather has been unseasonably mild recently, but colder **Winter** conditions are forecast. Please ensure your child/children come to playgroup well prepared for outdoor play – whatever the weather! Waterproof coats, hats, gloves, and wellies/winter boots (all named please) are essential. We will be exploring our fabulous outdoor space even if it snows!



**Elf Hunt** – thank you to everyone who helped track down those naughty Elves that had escaped around the village over the Christmas break! Combined with the **Christmas Raffle** which took place last term, funds of nearly £70 were raised – a superb amount.

Thank you also to anyone who has been allocating green **Waitrose Tokens** to us. Your fundraising efforts and ongoing support are hugely appreciated, and are absolutely vital to help with the ongoing successful running of Playgroup.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Zara**, who has announced she is expecting a baby this Summer. We are all very much looking forward to meeting Baby Grey when he or she is ready for a visit to Playgroup!



### What's happening this term...



This week we have been looking at **winter vegetables**. We have done observational paintings and made vegetable soup, which everybody sampled. It was yummy!





We are joining in with the **RSPB Garden Birdwatch** and will be making binoculars and bird feeders to put in our garden to see what birds we have there. We will be out and about around the field looking for local birds during the next couple of weeks.

We also had a chance to practise our **fire drill** one Friday recently, when the alarm suddenly decided to go off! All the children did really well and we evacuated the building promptly. But once the alarm had gone off for the fourth time in a row, we decided to ignore it! Hopefully the engineer will have since been out to fix it!



Once February starts, we will be celebrating **Chinese New Year** – the year of the pig. There will be lots of craft activities, and dragon drumming no doubt! And shortly after all of this, we will be moving on to making **Valentines**, to send to the people we love.

There will be a **uniform order** going in over February half term. Samples to try on for size are by the signing in book, along with order forms. Please have a look and try before you buy!



### Further ahead...



May seems a long way off, but we need to start turning our thoughts to our **AGM** which will be taking place then. **New Committee members** will be needed, including **Chairperson**, as Sarah Kirk will be stepping down after completing 3 years in this role.

We will also need a new writer for the **Newsletter** from September. It's an enjoyable activity, and really doesn't take very long to complete once a term!

Please give some thought as to which roles would be of interest to you. Sarah would be more than happy to talk through what being Chairperson involves if anyone would like to have an informal chat at any point.

Please bear in mind that it is essential that the Committee roles are filled, in order that Playgroup can continue to run. Playgroup would not be allowed to operate without a Chairperson.

### And finally...

Playgroup staff would like to say 'thank you' for the lovely **Christmas gifts** they have been enjoying.

### Term dates

**Half term** is the week beginning **February 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will back at playgroup on **Monday February 25<sup>th</sup>**.

We break up for Easter **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**. The new term starts on **Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.