



Penhill Playgroup Newsletter
March 2021



It has been lovely to welcome back more children over the last few weeks and thank you to those of you who joined our Zoom catch up over Half Term. It was good to see so many of you joining in and to be able to see and wave to our friends that have been at home for such a long time.

As more children return to Playgroup, please could we ask that only one adult accompanies your child in the queueing system outside and if you can avoid bringing pets with you, this would also help, as they can make it more difficult to socially distance and we have some children who are nervous around dogs. Please remember to keep to your 2m distance and to wear a face covering whilst waiting to drop off and pick up. If other adults are with you, please could they wait away from the Playgroup forecourt, to allow our drop offs and pick ups to go as safely and smoothly as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

Thursday 5th March is **World Book Day**. Those children currently attending Playgroup will be given a paper voucher which can be used to purchase one of the special World Book Day Books (locally available at WHSmith) or used as payment towards another, more expensive book. We won't be celebrating **World Book Day** until **Monday 8th March**, when more children will be back at Playgroup. If your child attends on this day, they may like to come dressed in their Pyjamas/onesie/dressing gown as we will be thinking about bedtime stories. If you are able to donate £1 for dressing up, this would also be appreciated. The money raised will go towards reading resources for Playgroup. If your child is not attending Playgroup, you will be sent a digital voucher to use.

We are also asking if parents/carers could donate a bar of chocolate or an Easter Egg for our **Easter Raffle**, which we plan to draw on **Tuesday 30th March**. Prizes will include a giant Easter Egg, Easter craft pack and some chocolate/Easter egg hampers made up from the donations we receive. Tickets will go on sale on **Monday 22nd March** for £1 each and be available to purchase until the draw takes place.

This half term, we are looking at "People Who Help Us", including teachers, shop workers, police, firefighters, doctors, dentists, vets and our families, especially our mothers.

Due to the current Covid restrictions, we are not able to hold face to face parent meetings this term, but are happy to arrange catch up telephone calls and provide you with a copy of your child's Next Steps, which are the skills we are currently working on with them. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any queries or concerns.

Don't forget our **term ends on Thursday 1st April** and re-starts on **Monday 19th April**.