

# Newsletter

Autumn Term 09



## Dear Parents

Welcome to our new look newsletter! We hope that you have enjoyed half term and your children are looking forward to the term ahead. There's quite a lot of news for you and dates for your diary, so please have a read.

## New Committee

On 21<sup>st</sup> September, we held our AGM, where a new committee was elected. The new committee is:



Joint Chair:  
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Treasurer: Jennie Haynes

Member without portfolio:  
Nicola Clayton-Bailey

Secretary: Melyni Bronson Thory

Health and Safety/ Premises:  
Sara Bell

Fundraising: Rachael Mills  
and Rachael Marlow

Publicity: Sarah Webb

## Communication

In an attempt to reduce our carbon footprint we are planning to use e-mail and the website for more communications. If you haven't already provided an email address on your registration form, a new form is attached to this letter and we would appreciate it if you could fill it in and return it to Melyni at [melyni@hotmail.com](mailto:melyni@hotmail.com). Or of course you could always email her!

Whilst on the subject, it has been suggested that it would be a nice idea to provide a full list of names, emails and phone numbers to all parents so that they can arrange playdates for the children. If anyone DOES NOT wish to have their details on the list please contact **Melyni, Faye or Dibs**.

If you move home or change contact numbers please remember to inform playgroup via Faye or Dibs so that we are able to contact you in an emergency.

## Childcare Vouchers

We are delighted to confirm that Tansor Playgroup are now able to accept childcare vouchers. Please contact Pippa on [pipparymer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pipparymer@yahoo.co.uk) if you require further information.

## Playgroup emergency phone number



Should you need to contact playgroup **urgently during playgroup hours**, please use the following dedicated **mobile number: 07908 378862**.

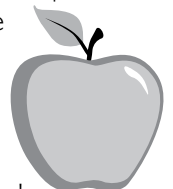
For all enquiries and any matters of a non-urgent nature, please contact Faye or Dibs.

## Sweatshirts

We are considering having some sweatshirts made up for the children. These will be high quality and in a choice of colours (most likely red or blue) with the Tansor playgroup logo on the front. If you would be interested in purchasing a sweatshirt, please could you let us know by ticking the relevant box on the attached form. If there is enough interest we will send out order forms in due course. Any funds raised will go towards purchasing new equipment for the playgroup.

## Achievement Tree

You will no doubt have noticed the children's achievement tree in playgroup. Your children are asked to colour / paint an apple template to take home so that they can record any achievements, however big or small. They should then return the apple to playgroup to be hung on the tree. We hope to post the apple template on the playgroup website in due course. However, if you require extra apples in the meantime please do let the staff know!



# Term Dates

Please note the following term dates in your diary.

	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>
Term 2 (35 days)	Monday 2 November	Friday 18 December
Term 3 (30 days)	Monday 4 January	Friday 12 February
Term 4 (29 days)	Monday 22 February	Thursday 1 April
Term 5 (29 days)	Monday 19 April	Friday 28 May
Term 6 (35 days)	Monday 7 June	Friday 23 July

## Housekeeping

Inevitably there are always a few issues of housekeeping each term so just to remind everyone:

All children are asked to bring a pair of indoor shoes with them which can be left at playgroup. At the moment there is a large box of slippers in the entrance lobby that we suspect are mainly from last year. We intend to provide each child with a named pigeon hole for their shoes and will be sorting out the surplus slippers after half term. Any unclaimed slippers will be donated to charity in due course.

Ideally each child should have a pair of indoor shoes or slippers, some outdoor shoes or wellies if wet and a warm coat for playing outside. An extra set of clothes can be useful if you think there might be accidents but please don't leave them behind at the end of a session as we have nowhere to store them.

On this note, please can you also make sure that all shoes, jumpers and coats are named as it is difficult for staff to keep track of what belongs to who and inevitably things go awol.

Please be sensitive to the Tansor residents when dropping off or picking up children and please do not turn in any of the residents driveways or the gateway opposite the Village Hall as the gates are on an electronic sensor – it's probably easiest to drive beyond the playgroup and do a U-turn in the turning circle at the end of the lane.

Please also remember to close the gate to the playground as it's been left open several times recently and it's vital we don't have children running out into the road.

## Finally

The attached form outlines a bright idea from one of our committee members regarding cleaning duties. We rely on parents support to ensure that the playgroup is cleaned at the end of each session. Ideally parents would volunteer for at least 2 sessions per term. However, we know many of you are very busy or work during the session. Therefore, an option to help pay for a cleaner is attached. If you would prefer to sign up to clean the playgroup that would be most welcome too! The cleaning calendar is on the playgroup notice board in the hall foyer.



## All parents of children due to start school in September 2010

If your child will turn 4 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010, you will need to apply for a place for your child to start primary school in September 2010, no later than 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The easiest and quickest method is online at: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions). Further information is available on the notice board in playgroup.

## Barnardo's Big Toddle

We've once again signed up to Barnardo's Big Toddle which will take place in Spring 2010, most likely at Fermyn Woods again. Details will be sent out in the New Year.

## Yellow Moon

Tansor Playgroup is now signed up to the Yellow Moon initiative, which is an ingenious way for you to buy wonderful products to keep your child entertained and help their development, whilst helping to raise funds for the playgroup. For every product you purchase Tansor playgroup will receive up to 25% cashback! So get online at [www.yellowmoon.org.uk](http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk) and remember to nominate Tansor to receive the cashback when placing your order.