



Newsletter—Jan 2011



Urgent!!

We only have 5 people covering 11 committee positions. This cannot continue. We really need your help in order to keep Playgroup going.

Attached is a form showing each of the positions. Please think about if you can give any of your time to help us. Many of the positions are available, with current committee members happy to swap roles to accommodate you.

We meet once a month to talk through problems/ideas/plan events etc. Sometimes at The Bull and sometimes at a committee member's house. We are a friendly bunch and would be very appreciative of anything you could do to help.

If you would like to learn more about the committee, please contact Amanda Coffey on 01332 875035 or speak to a committee member or member of staff.

Support Committee

Not got enough time to take on a role, but want to help out? Join our support committee. You would come along to some of the meetings and share your wisdom and advice. You may also be able to help out with the fundraising events. We have recently lost members of our support committee as their children have moved up to Firfield. We really need your help.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM is taking place on 25th January. It is at playgroup during the playgroup session, at 9:30am, and will be in the back room.

We need at least 20 parents to come along to the AGM in order for the new committee to be voted in. Please come along.

Injuries

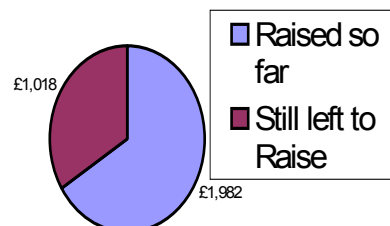
If your child arrives at playgroup with an injury, could you please let a member of staff know.

Illness

Please keep your child at home until they are fully recovered after being ill. Although we do all we can to stop the spread of infection, germs do spread quickly and it is not fair on the children or the adults to be exposed to illness unnecessarily.



Fund Raising Update





A Big Thanks to The Bull

On Saturday 4th December the staff at The Bulls Head dressed up as Santas and either ran or cycled round Breaston and Long Eaton. They did a fabulous job and raised

£400!!!

It is great that The Bulls Head is supporting a local charity and we really value their hard work—they ran a long way in horrible conditions.

A big thank you to all the staff involved and a thank you to the patrons of The Bulls Head and the playgroup people who sponsored them.



Parent Mail

To reduce our Carbon Footprint and our costs we would like to swap from paper notices to email wherever possible. The emails will **not** show your email address for other parents to see.

Any urgent messages will still be put up on a poster at playgroup, as well as being emailed out.

If you would like to sign up for parent mail please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter. There is also space to let us know any changes to your contact information etc.



A Message From Gale, Playgroup Manager

A big thank you from all the staff for all the lovely Christmas gifts.

Happy New Year and Welcome to Sadie, Jake, Faa Suntarii, Amelie, Beth and Alex.

If you are one of our new Duty Parents, if you haven't yet taken your CRB form and ID documents into Gale or Karen to check, please do so now. All duty parents must be CRB'd in order to help out at playgroup, which is important to safeguard all the children.

Please remember to sign and return your child's progress reports that were given out in December.

Please sign and return your lunch club policy as soon as possible.

Donations of Clothes

Our spare clothes box is running low. If you have any spare boys or girls clothes etc please think of donating them to playgroup.



Topics & Letters of the week

This term's topic is Eric Carle's Insects and Other Books

5th January	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
10th January	The Very Busy Spider k
17th January	The Lonely Firefly r
24th January	The Very Quiet Cricket t
31st January	The Bad Tempered Ladybird z
7th February	The Mixed-Up Chameleon i
14th February	Mister Seahorse u



Important Dates

Wednesday 5th January: Playgroup re-opens.

Tuesday 25th January: Playgroup AGM, 9:30am, in back room.

Everyone welcome. Please come along.

Friday 18th February: Playgroup closes at end of today for half term.

Monday 28th February: Playgroup re-opens.

Thursday 14th April: Playgroup closes at the end of today for Easter Holidays.

Tuesday 3rd May: Playgroup re-opens.

Friday 27th May: Playgroup closes at end of day for half term.

Monday 6th June: Playgroup re-opens.

Friday 22nd July: Playgroup closes at end of day for summer holidays.

5th September: Playgroup re-opens.

Note - New starters at Firfield have home visits from their teacher this week.

FORM: Change of details/ Parent Mail Sign Up

Child's name:

Parent/Guardian NEW name, address and telephone number:

NEW Emergency Contact number:

Yes I would like/ No I would not like to join **Parent Mail** and receive my notices via my email. (please delete as required)

Email address for Parent Mail:

