



# Newsletter

May 2012

## Welcome

A very warm welcome is extended to all the new children and parents to playgroup this session and also to those who are returning for more fun at Nile Grove Playgroup.

## “Simply Quizzical”

As the Fundraiser of the year draws closer, we hope that everyone is able to either come on the night or buy tickets for the fabulous raffle. **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May** is when our Quiz night will be happening at Boroughmuir Rugby Club, Meggetland from 7.30pm till 12 midnight!

So the night will commence with a glass of “fizz” and canapés and then once everyone has arrived the Quiz will commence....

We have two fantastic hosts who promise to make it a most enjoyable evening! The raffle and auction have some amazing prizes including beauty vouchers and Rounds of Golf for Four - just to mention a couple and then to round off the evening you can have a bop to the disco!!

So if you haven't already bought your tickets, they are **£10** each and if you want to make up a team then the tables will be seating 8. Raffle tickets cost

£2 for a strip of 5 and you can buy 3 strips for £5. These are on sale every morning after playgroup and from Vanessa.

## So why do we need to Fundraise?

As we are a Charity run organisation and have no government funding, we need to have ongoing Fundraising to pay for rental of the church hall, increase in costs i.e. utilities and new toys and equipment for the playgroup amongst other things... So it is fundamental that we raise funds throughout the year and we need the support of all the parents. Our Fundraising Committee, alongside their “sub-committee” have been working very hard to make this event a brilliant night so please please support it and come along for a fun night!!

## Advertising

You will see that we have a number of companies who have chosen to advertise their business on this month's newsletter. If you would like to advertise your business on the next newsletter please contact Karen Brown.

[kybrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kybrown@yahoo.co.uk) This advertising is raising funds for our playgroup.

### **New Committee!**

Our playgroup is run with 3 members of staff and a committee. It is actually a legal requirement that we have a committee working alongside our staff; otherwise we would not be able to operate. At the Annual General Meeting at the beginning of September, a new committee is formed and the current committee can step down from their roles. Please have a look at the notice board when picking up or dropping off as all the roles are described in detail so will give you an idea of what is involved in each role. It's a great opportunity to get to know other parents and also have an insight into how the playgroup is run.

### **Night Out!**

We have booked the Morning Glory on Comiston Road for end of term drinks on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June** from 8pm and hope you can come along! Come and meet some of the other parents at your child's playgroup - it will be a great opportunity to chat and relax with all the other Mums and Dads (maybe?)

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank the 3 volunteers who give up their time to help at playgroup on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They have made a real difference to our mornings and hope they will continue to be part of our playgroup next year. If you know anyone else who would like to volunteer a little of their time, we would love to have someone in on a Thursday or Friday morning.

### **Anyone Leaving?**

We are starting to think about next year and some children may be moving on, so please let us know if you will not be returning in August so that we can give

places to those who are keenly awaiting a place on our waiting list. Please also spread the word to anyone who might like to come to playgroup, as it would be great to have a full start to the year. It will be lovely to see those of you who will be staying, back again in August for another year!

### **Rota Duty.**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Rota Duty. It is reassuring to know that the weeks are full and we don't have to spend time finding someone for duty. Just a wee reminder that we do need your help at 8.40 in the morning on the day of your duty to set up the toys. If you are unable to come early due to school drop off please let us know so that we don't worry on the morning that we are one adult down! Many Thanks for all your help during duty mornings.

### **Olympic Event....**

Our little athletes will be having their very own "Mini Olympics" this term so look out for the posters nearer the time letting us know what week the exciting events will be carried out!!

### **Term Dates for your diary**

The Summer Term runs until **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

There will be Bank Holidays on the following Dates so no playgroup:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June Diamond Jubilee**

