



# Newsletter

October 2011

## 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.

## New Committee

Here is the committee for 2011/2012

Chairperson: Lisa Gallacher  
Secretary: Susanna Waller  
Treasurer: Melanie McCallum  
Enrolment: Jo Smail  
Health & Safety: Claire Ridley  
Fundraising Events: Sarah McRae,  
Karan Brown & Samantha Fallas  
Newsletter: Caroline Scott  
Website: Joan Lavery  
Advertising/Marketing: Kerena  
Hendry  
Rota: Claire Hill  
Ordinary Members: Fran Richards

## Rota Duty

Please ensure that you sign up for your duties this term, any duties not carried out in the first term will be carried forward into next term ie. after the October break.

Can all parents please arrive in time to start setting up the equipment at **8.40am**, thank you!

If you are unable to make your duty, please call the Nile Grove Mobile **07505366580** by 8.40am to let Vanessa know. If there is no answer on the mobile please leave a message or send a text. If you are able to find a replacement in the first instance, it would be greatly appreciated. If your child is unwell, please also phone in/text before playgroup is due to start at 9.15am.

If you would like to be added to the **Emergency Contact List** for when a parent is unable to do their duty or if cover is needed at playgroup in the unlikely event of an emergency, please can you let Vanessa know, thank-you.

## Fundraising

Fundraising is vital to Nile Grove; without it we could not continue. Please, support the following events as much as you can:

### Obstacle course

Nile Grove's sponsored Obstacle Course will be running the week beginning **Monday 14th November**. All children will get the chance to participate at the end of their playgroup session. Plenty of fun for all our little ones guaranteed –

please feel free to pop in and watch!  
You will be given a sponsor form nearer the time.

### **Christmas Raffle**

Our annual Christmas raffle will take place in December. We need contributions for its hamper prize. Keep your eye out for our poster - it will be going up on the notice board in November. More Information nearer the time.

### **Future Fundraising Events**

We will publish details of the future fundraising events for 2012 in the next newsletter.

### **Fees**

Fees – please could everyone pay fees the **1<sup>st</sup> Week** of every new term.

### **Old Toys**

If any families have any old toys, dolls, cars etc that they are throwing out, please contact Vanessa to see if they may be needed for playgroup.

### **Items to Sell?**

Also, if you are looking to buy or sell any baby/toddler items such as buggies/clothes/cots etc please can you e-mail the details to [nilegroveplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:nilegroveplaygroup@gmail.com)

and this can be published in the next Newsletter. Thank-you!

### **Staff Cover**

In Bridget's absence, from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Alex will be helping out at playgroup. She has previously worked at Nile Grove giving cover when staff have been attending courses; we look forward to welcoming Alex back to Nile Grove.

### **Marketing/Advertising**

We have created a new role for our committee this session which Kerena Hendry will be fulfilling. Over and above the marketing she will be doing, Word of Mouth speaks volumes about our playgroup, please spread the word!

### **Website**

Another new role which has been created this session is for Joan Lavery who will be overseeing our website. We are able to update the website on days when weather will not allow us to run playgroup ie if there is heavy snow or suchlike, so if in doubt, please check the website in the first instance.

### **Jute Bags**

Nile Grove Jute Bags are for sale at £5 each, you can buy yours from Vanessa.

### **Plastic Bags**

We always need plastic bags for the beautiful art work. Please bring them in whenever you can.

### **Dates for your diary**

The Autumn Term runs until **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** and the Winter Term resumes again on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**.

The winter term runs until **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. Playgroup starts back in the New Year on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011**.