
Aberdour Playgroup Newsletter



September 2009

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

19 th September	Pop Quiz Fundraising Night, The Institute 7.30pm for 8pm
9 th October	Finish for October Holidays
12 th - 23 rd October	October Holidays
26 th October	Playgroup Starts after holidays
19 th November	Christmas Shopping Night, Aberdour Primary School

Welcome back after the summer holidays we hope you all had a great time despite the weather! There are a lot of new children starting this term so a big hello to: Hunter Bennett-Wright, Callie Taylor, Benjamin Seagar, Ruairi Scullion, Madeleine Phillips, Iona Clarke, Conor Duncan-Clark, Ashley Brydon, Kyle Martin and Magdalena Van der Straeten and to their parents/carers who have joined us this term. ☺

******* QUIZ NIGHT *******

Saturday 19th September 2009

We are holding a Pop Quiz Night on Saturday 19th September which will take place at The Institute. This will be a fantastic fun night out as well as a playgroup fundraiser and all the money raised will benefit the playgroup and the kids. So we hope that as many of you as possible will attend – tell all your

friends. Bring your own ready made team, or teams can be made up on the night. Tickets are available now for £5 per person (which includes a bowl of stovies). They are available from committee members, Playgroup or from Heart's Desire, Out of this World and Moffat's Newsagent in Aberdour. Look out for the posters around the village.

We will be running an auction during the evening of items donated by local business and parents. Do you have anything that would be suitable for a prize – bottle of wine, unwanted gifts etc or do you or any of your family/friends work for local attractions or have a service which they could donate? Anything, no matter how small, is very much appreciated.

There is a collection box in playgroup or hand anything to a member of the committee or Playgroup staff.

For further information please just speak to any of the committee or Karen (names, phone numbers and emails on playgroup notice board).

We are hoping to raise as much, if not more than last years quiz – over £1,000! So come along for a fantastic night to help raise **much needed funds** for playgroup.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT

Thursday 19th November, Aberdour Primary School 7.30-10pm.

Come along and do some Christmas Shopping. Lots of stalls including Boho, Body Shop, Pink Turtle Handmade Bags, Hearts and Crafts, Partylite Candles, E Moyle Ceramics and many, many more.

Tickets are £2 which includes a free glass of wine and a mince pie.

There will be a raffle and a Christmas Hamper to be won.

All funds raised will go to Playgroup.

FUNDRAISING

An essential part of keeping the Playgroup fun for kids is fundraising. The committee needs your help, as we cannot do it without your donations of time and other items.

Without fundraising events throughout the year it would not be possible for the playgroup to keep fees at their current level or offer such a good service, in fact the fundraising carried out is **vital** for the continuation of the Playgroup.

Just speak to any members of the committee or staff - details on the notice board – as we would love to hear your ideas and help to plan another event.

Donkey Brae

We raised £54 from our fundraising table at the Market Place stall during the Donkey Brae day on Sunday 2nd August.

DUTY PARENT

Due to the large number of children on a Monday and Friday it was decided to have extra help from parents/carers for the afternoon session on these days, until further notice, to help with the clear up.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday AM duty is from 9am **sharp** – 12 noon.

There is no duty on Thursday at the moment due to the small number of children.

Monday and Friday PM duty is from 2.45pm - 3.15pm.

These times may change if numbers increase and once we employ new relief staff.

Tasks throughout the morning duty include helping set up toys, washing up after snack and helping clear the hall at the end of the session on Wednesday.

Afternoon duty is only to help with clearing away the toys into the sheds.

If the duty parent fails to turn up or does not notify the playgroup Staff a £15 fine will automatically be added onto their bill.

Where possible we try to accommodate all duty on the day that you have your child in Playgroup but there may be the odd occasion when you may have to do a duty on a day (AM or PM) that your child does not attend Playgroup and in that instance you may bring your child with you for your duty session.

It is very important for the smooth running of the playgroup that parents on duty turn up and it is **their responsibility** to find a replacement if they are unable to do duty.

NEW RELIEF STAFF

We are in the process of interviewing for new relief staff. Once we take on these new staff they will then cover for all absence and at other times when the Playgroup needs additional staff. We will keep you all informed of any changes.

COMMITTEE 2009/2010

Playgroup actually belongs to and is run by parents and cannot function without the help and support of **all** parents. Even if you are not on the committee any time, no matter how small, you can spare now and again to help out at say a fundraising event is always appreciated.

Chairperson: Joy Pratt

Secretary: Fiona Buchan

Treasurer: Helen Pearson

Fees & Funding: Judith Pritchard

Admissions: Bettina Adams

Publicity (website): Tanya Price

Duty Rota: Hazel Chisholm

Staff Liaison: Ginny Jogee

Fundraising & Publicity: Colin McKinlay

Contact details can be found on the pinboard at playgroup.

SICKNESS

The Fife Council guidelines for exclusion due to illness are available to everyone on the notice board. Playgroup operate in conjunction with school on this.

Please note that children who have diarrhoea and/or vomiting should be kept off playgroup for **48** hours **after** last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

PLAYGROUP CONTACT NUMBER

Please note the Playgroup has its own phone number. Please call or text **07501 447668** if you have to contact the staff.