



KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER

March 2022

A WARM WELCOME!

We have made it through the Winter and Spring has finally sprung! Some of you may have heard from your children about the exciting changes happening in the Playgroup garden. A new fence has gone up to extend the garden significantly, with the addition of a large staging area with posts to drape material over so it can be used in all weathers. We look forward to seeing many performances from our budding actors!!

In the coming weeks, a sensory rainbow tunnel will be installed, and a large open fronted outdoor classroom will be built to replace the playhouse, which will greatly enhance our outdoor space. This project is being largely funded with the money raised by the amazing wolf runners of 2019! A big thank you to you all.

FUND RAISING

There are always more projects in the pipeline and as a charity we are always working hard to come up with new ideas to raise funds. If you would like to get involved in supporting our crucial fundraising activities, please let us know. Whether you want to volunteer to organise, donate or do something crazy to help our cause, any contribution you can make, big or small all helps.

FEE INCREASE

We have had to make the difficult decision to increase our fees by 5% for bills delivered from 01 April. As you are aware we chose to freeze fees from September 2020 to help families in view of the impact of the pandemic. Due to the rising cost of living, increase in fuel, utilities costs, national insurance levy and an increase to the minimum wage, our outgoings have increased, and a fee increase is necessary to meet the needs of the business.

THE PLAYGROUP BOARD

As you may know, Kineton Playgroup Ltd is a charitable company. As all charities it relies on volunteers taking on formal and informal roles to continue to operate. The more formal roles involve people forming a functioning Board of Directors and Trustees. Our board currently consists of myself as chair, Sally Seddon as vice chair and director for safeguarding, Lyndsay Buchanan as SENDco (special educational needs) director, Anna Butcher as finance director and Cathy Thompson as director for curriculum.

Playgroup cannot run without a Board, and we rely on people volunteering to ensure it can continue to provide such a vital and important service to the children in the local area. We all have different life experiences and skills, and we would warmly welcome anyone who feels they would like to help us and join the team. It is a very friendly bunch and is an incredibly rewarding thing to be a part of. We are actively seeking new board members, if you would like more information please get in touch with Sally, Carol, any of us on the Board or message us through our Facebook page.

Nicky McCarthy - chair