



Clifton Playgroup



Board of Directors Newsletter

June 2013

Our new premises!

As we last informed you in the first newsletter of 2013, Playgroup will soon be moving into new premises within the main Clifton Primary School building. The plans of the new premises are now available, so if anyone is keen to have a look, please ask Barbara.

The Board are currently working hard organising and planning the move, as well as sourcing a lot of brand new resources and equipment. Some of this new equipment will be purchased with the funds raised by our fundraising team. This is of course not forgetting the help of you parents who have contributed through sponsoring the children to bounce, providing and purchasing cakes and attending our events such as the quiz night and fashion show, just to name a few. We are also currently applying for grants to help get some of the other items on Barbara's 'wish list'!

Our planned move weekend is the 19th & 20th October, although we plan to get a lot of things moved the week before. Currently, we no longer believe that we need to close the playgroup, however should this change we will of course keep you informed.

If you have any concerns then please feel free to discuss with Barbara or contact us chair@cliftonplaygroup.org.uk

Changes in the Board of Directors

There have been a few of changes to the Board. We are sad to say that Laura Holmes has decided she will be stepping down as of September, after four years of being Chair, to focus on setting up her own business. She has been a key member of the Board, committed to driving it forward and making it what it is today. She has been bringing on lots of new members to strengthen the team. Laura will be missed, however due to her passion for the playgroup, we are sure she will be keeping in touch as a member of the playgroup (find out more about becoming a member yourself below!).

Tiphonie Marriott has joined the board and is helping in a few areas at the moment including the move to the new premises and communication. In her day job she is a Buyer for a large company and has two daughters, one of whom attends the Playgroup.

Jane Suddens is in the process of joining the Board. She is a speech and language therapist with lots of early years experience and has previously been involved with Clifton Playgroup. Jane will be taking on the role of Chair from September.



We are also talking to a couple of other parents who are interested in getting involved in the Board, so watch this space.

A lovely bit of news is that Susan had her baby, Joseph George, born on 9th March weighing 9lb 13oz. Congratulations Susan and family!

Fundraising

Our Fundraising Committee has worked really hard over the School year. They have raised a lot of vital funds which will help us make the new premises a fantastic place for the children to be and the staff to work in. Keep an eye out for their Newsletter to keep up to date and get involved with what is going on next!

Our Chair of the Fundraising Committee, Jill Tosh, will be standing down as of September as her daughter will be leaving the Playgroup and starting School. She has done a fantastic job and will be missed. We are still to confirm who will be taking on her role, so we will keep you informed.

The Fundraising Committee are looking for new members to join so if you would like to get involved please get in touch with Jill on fundraising@cliftonplaygroup.org.uk.

Explore the Playgroup website

Don't forget we have a website - www.cliftonplaygroup.org.uk. Please take a look!

An area we would like to point out is about becoming a Playgroup Member. Clifton Playgroup Ltd is owned by its members and our members have a say in how we are run.

All parents, grandparents and carers of children who attend Clifton Playgroup are eligible to become members of the company. We also welcome other members of our community that wish to support the group.

The annual subscription for membership is 10 hours voluntary work each year. This could be through activities as simple as baking cakes for cake sales, doing our weekly shopping, washing tea towels or telling stories to children in group, through to bigger commitments like being a regular parent helper in group, joining our Fundraising team or even our Board of Directors.

For more information on becoming a member, find out who to contact or to complete an application form, please go onto the Clifton Playgroup website, under 'Our People, Our Members'.

Kind regards,

Clifton Playgroup Ltd Board of Directors

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