



Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

Hello!

We hope everyone is well and managing the new 'normal' we find ourselves in.

Since the last newsletter playgroup partially reopened on June 29th for a small number of children. It was a lovely opportunity to welcome some of our families and we enjoyed three fantastic weeks of outdoor adventures and sunshine.

The end of term came too quickly and as we closed for the long summer holiday it was sad to think that those children who left us this year had missed out on their knighting ceremony and presentation. We hope there will be an opportunity to say a proper goodbye to the children one day in the future.



We reopened again on the 7th September, welcoming back familiar faces and some new friends ready for a year of fun and adventure.

Everyone has settled in seamlessly, like we'd never been away and it is wonderful to see the excitement of the children as they play and explore.

Our fantastic team have worked hard to put all the practical measures in place and to ensure the children feel happy and secure.



We returned to a very busy allotment, ready for some TLC. On our first week back, we dealt with all of the weeds that had appeared and dug up the potatoes that we planted before lockdown. It was good to see the new gardening tools and buckets purchased with Derbyshire Dales Local project fund back in use too.



We also have some very important thank yous!

Firstly, thank you to everyone who donated to our Crowdfunding page. We raised a whopping £1,720 which helped us with the budget shortfall as a result of lost revenue and fundraising events. It was a wonderful reminder of how generous our supporters can be.



We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our recent clothing collection scheme. We managed to raise an amazing £224.40 for playgroup!

Following on from this success, we have committed to continuing collecting clothes. We now have a box situated within playgroup to fill up, so if you are due a clear out please think of us! Clothes can be brought to the pavilion or email gepsupervisor@hotmail.com to arrange collection.

Please can I also remind you that we have now finished collecting crisps packets, our new scheme is printer cartridges so if you have any around please save them for us.