



AGM

The 2017 AGM will be held on Wednesday 21 June at Swansacre. The meeting will start at 8pm. We'll be voting on several key items and we require a quorum of parents to pass any motions so please attend if you can. If you can't attend please speak with a playleader about completing a proxy vote.

Many thanks and we hope to see you on 21 June.

Parent Committee

Some members of the Committee will be resigning in June and we're looking for volunteer to replace them. If you're interested please contact a playleader or the current chairperson Cat MacDonald (swansacre.chair@gmail.com)

Positions vacant are Facilities, Fundraising & Grants.

End of Term Parties

End of term parties will have a beach theme. **There will be NO LUNCH CLUBS the week of the parties.**

Playgroup and inbetweeners parties will be held on Monday 19 June, Tuesday 20 June and Wednesday 22 June from 9.30-11.00. Please check the lists on the door inside Playgroup to see which party your child should attend. This will also be their last session before the holidays.



Rising 5's party will be on Tuesday 20 June from 1.00-3.00, parents are invited to return at 2.15 for the final presentation.

Holidays

Swansacre Summer term finishes on Wednesday 21 June. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing you at the end of the summer. The 2017-2018 Autumn term is scheduled to begin on Wednesday 16 August.

2017-2018 Session

We'll be returning after the holidays for more FUN!!

Playgroup sessions will be offered on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning 9.05-11.50. A Thursday session will be added if there is sufficient demand following the recruitment of a new member of staff.

Rising 5s will run on a Tuesday from 12.55-3.10 with an optional lunch club 12.10-12.55.

If your child is coming back in August please fill out a new registration form telling us which days you would like (the form will be emailed shortly, alternatively obtain one from a playleader). **Please note that you can choose different days to the ones your child currently attends.**

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa on 07736642070 or speak with a playleader.

New for 2017/18 - Garden Guddle!!

After summer we're excited to be offering a full day session on a Monday. The session will run from 9-3 for children aged 3 and up (children are eligible at the start of the term they will turn 3) and the focus will be on the great outdoors. Julia and Ali are attending an outdoors training course and can't wait to get their hands dirty!!

The aim is to give children the opportunity to fully embrace the vast learning experience the outdoor environment offers. We'll be making changes in the garden over the summer so that we can make sure we're set up to use this amazing resource to maximum benefit. The session will be different to our other sessions because the focus will be on nature and natural resource. Think water + mud + stones + sticks = guddle!!

We'll aim to be outside for the whole session, regardless of the weather, so suitable clothing will be required! But please don't worry, we can (and will) use the building if we need to!!



Fundraising at Swansacre

As you are aware, Swansacre Playgroup is a self-funded charity, we rely heavily on fundraising and promotional events to keep running. We welcome parents who come along to volunteer at our events and would love if you would like to join our Committee in this capacity.

We'd also be delighted to hear from you if you have any fundraising ideas. Our fundraising email is fundraisingswansacre15@gmail.com

Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

Please remember to hand in your Active Kids vouchers. We use them to buy lots of lovely toys for the children.

Fundraising with the Coop

Swansacre has been chosen by the Kinross branch of the Co-op as one of three local charities to benefit from their Local Community Fund for the next six months.

The playgroup will receive 1% of everything Co-op members spend on Co-op branded products. Co-op membership costs £1 and for this you receive 5% back (effectively a 5% discount) on all their own brand products.

We hope to spend the new funds on outdoor toys and a new shed.

You can sign up here:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/5621>

You can also sign up in the shop.

For Swansacre to receive the 1% you need to actually choose the playgroup as your chosen beneficiary so please do this if/when you sign up for a card.

Leaflets with info are available from Swansacre.

Au revoir to Alison

We are very sad to say that after 12 years at Swansacre Alison has left to take up a position as an Early Years Officer in Inverkeithing. Although we will miss her very much, we would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication during her time with us and wish her every success.

Julia and Ali are covering all sessions to minimise disruption.

Jobs

We have two vacancies to fill over the summer at our lovely playgroup. We are looking for a new Lead Practitioner to replace Alison and also for a person who can provide administrative support. The roles will be advertised on our Facebook page and on local job sites so please look out for them if you are interested.

Voluntary Duty Cover

If you'd like to join our Voluntary Duty Cover list (someone who is given £10 expenses - or £12 if lunch club included - if a parent cannot do their duty) please speak to a playleader.



Thank You!

A big thank you to all of the members of the local community who assisted with

our 'People who help us' topic. We had a visit to the fire station, a visit from a lollipop lady and are waiting on a visit from a police officer.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about their jobs and we appreciate them sharing their time with us.

A big thank you to Vane Farm and Earnside coaches too for making our Rising 5's trip so memorable.

Key Dates

Swansacre AGM - Wednesday 21 June

Rising 5's End of Term Party - Tuesday 20 June

Playgroup/Inbetweeners End of Term Party - 19, 20 & 21 June

Final Swansacre session before Summer holidays - Wednesday 21 June

School holidays start - Wednesday 22 June

Swansacre Autumn term starts - Wednesday 16 August
