



# Fundraising

## Why is it so important?

St Nicolas Playgroup is a registered charity which means that it receives money from the Government to be able to operate.....but.....

- It costs the playgroup £17 for a child to attend each morning session
- The Government gives £12.75 per funded child to attend each 3 hour session
- Which leaves **-£4.25** deficit for each funded child **EVERY DAY!**
- We need to cover that shortfall with fundraising to stay open.



## Ways you can help!

### 1) Join easyfundraising

Raise donations for St Nicolas Playgroup every time you shop online. Signing up to easyfundraising is easy and there is no extra cost to you whatsoever. Turn your weekly online grocery shopping or your Amazon Christmas shopping into £££ for St Nicolas playgroup!

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicolasplaygroup>

### 2) Your cash contributions really help!

The recommended £40 per term for each funded child makes a significant difference to the playgroup. This is a suggested amount only but any contribution is greatly appreciated. You can make your donation by cash, cheque, bank transfer acc no: 10534781 / sort code: 20-78-61 or childcare vouchers (please ask for details).

### 3) Snack donations

Last year the committee introduced voluntary snack donations from the parents which proved to be very successful both financially for the playgroup but also by introducing a variety of fruit and crackers into the children's snack time which they loved. Please consider adding a bag of fruit or plain crackers to your next food shop and pop it into the collection box in the foyer at drop-off.

### 4) Christmas Raffle Prize Donations

We would really appreciate any prize donations for our Raffle this year, we have had amazing prizes in the past donated by parents who donated something from their employers. This helps make the Playgroup Raffle a huge success and boosts ticket sales!

### 5) Uniform purchases

We have an optional uniform available for purchase which helps us raise funds for the Playgroup. We also have Pre-loved Uniforms for sale, please check with the committee for availability.

### 6) Look out for dressing-up and face painting mornings this year

Through-out the year the committee will be offering their time to do face painting for the children. We'll either be asking for £1 donation or a gift donation for the Christmas/Easter raffle. Look out for notices from the playgroup with dates and details.

### 7) Support the Committee

This year we have introduced the St. Nicolas Playgroup Helping Hands. We'd love more parents to be part of the team. We have a WhatsApp group where you can be added to.

If you are interested in joining please email us at [stnicplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:stnicplaygroup@gmail.com)

At the beginning of each half-term there will be a list of items the committee are requesting for fundraising activities. Look out for the list in the foyer and add your name to any item you would like to donate.

## 8) Amazon Smile

Raise donations for St Nicolas Playgroup every time you shop online with Amazon Smile. If you want to buy anything through Amazon, just use this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and choose St. Nicolas Playgroup (Taplow) as your chosen charity, and then it's shopping as usual! Signing up to Amazon Smile is easy and there is no extra cost to you whatsoever. Turn your all your Amazon purchases into £££ for St Nicolas playgroup!

## 9) Chiltern South Bucks Lottery

Did you know we have our own Lottery Page! Buying a weekly ticket will give you the chance to win up to £25k and with every ticket sold a portion goes back to Playgroup.

To find out more, please follow the link below:

<https://www.chilternsouthbuckslottery.co.uk/support/st-nicholas-playgroup>

## 10) Easy2Name Clothing Labels

When you are ordering labels for your children's clothes etc. At check out, select St. Nicolas Playgroup SL6 under the fundraising drop down list and select group. We get 20 % of the order value! Use the link below to explore their website.

[https://www.easy2name.com/?gclid=CjwKCAjw2uf2BRBpEiwA31VZjwSlo0z7RUao4ssrf\\_pD4dslodHCwZ48rLDZDCwYvg0vUxqLq0Bx5RoC-hwQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.easy2name.com/?gclid=CjwKCAjw2uf2BRBpEiwA31VZjwSlo0z7RUao4ssrf_pD4dslodHCwZ48rLDZDCwYvg0vUxqLq0Bx5RoC-hwQAvD_BwE)

## 11) Bag2School Clothing collections

We all have clothing in our wardrobes that we haven't worn in ages! In a world of fast fashion, we now have a lot of stuff – but when it comes to a clear out what do you do to make sure the environment comes off best? Bag2School has the answer – we've been helping schools for over 15 years and in the process paid out over £36 million to PTAs and Friends of School Groups and many other organisations. The More We Weigh the More We Pay.

<https://bag2school.com/>

## Communicating with you



Please follow and like us on **Facebook**: [www.facebook.com/stnicolasplaygroup](http://www.facebook.com/stnicolasplaygroup)

We have recently started a Facebook page to help advertise our wonderful playgroup. (No children's images or data will be shared on this group). Please like and share the page.



**WhatsApp group** for parents

*(Please ask a committee member if you would like to join if you haven't already)*



**Helping Hands WhatsApp group** for parents wanting to help with Playgroup events throughout the year, this is a fun way to be involved in what is going on at Playgroup!

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