



Some of our children created this for us! We love you all too!

A SURPRISE breakfast visit from Santa!

Santa heard how special breakfast time is at Play Care and decided to pay a visit. He came with a sack full of goodies for the Children, and even surprised the staff!



Our Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fayre. We love this event and think it's a great way to support local businesses, as well as helping with those Christmas shopping ideas. We raised £406 for our Fundraising pot.

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BUDDY THE ELF CAUSED CHRISTMAS MISCHIEF AT PLAY CARE!!

IVE GONE BACK TO THE NORTH POLE, I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED HAVING LOTS OF FUN WITH YOU ALL.

Heres a little treat for you all

Lots of love

Buddy

Xxx

p.s See you all next year.



Buddy, the mischievous elf, made himself known to everyone at Play Care in the run up to Christmas.



It wouldn't be Christmas without Buddy causing absolute chaos at Play Care. The little mischievous elf was caught making snow angels in the flour as well as sticking Post-it Notes all around the room. He disappeared, left some treats and a note saying "p.s. See you all next year."

Should we worry about what Buddy has in store for us next Christmas?? Find his (mis)adventures on our Facebook page.

OH NO YOU DIDN'T!!

On December 6th, fundraising money paid for a fabulous festive trip to see Snow White in Panto at Consett for all Play Care children.

Each child received free return coach journeys, free entry to the Pantomime and a delicious ice cream!

...oh yes we did!

PACT House Christmas Hamper donation

Play Care were donated a beautiful Christmas Hamper from one of our grandparents, and with their blessing, we thought it would be a lovely gesture to give something back to our community, as our community help us in so many wonderful ways throughout the year.

We decided to donate our Hamper to PACT House at Stanley, which is a food bank service from which lots of people rely on in the area. PACT House provide so much more to people in need than just food parcels - what a fabulous place!

Buddy, our elf came along but thankfully he didn't get up to any mischief!!!

We were going to raffle our hamper, but I'm sure you will agree it is lovely to give back.



Past events held at Play Care

At Halloween, we held our annual SPOOKY disco. The children played games, danced, had fun, as well as showing off their SCARY fancy dress costumes. As always, the hot dogs and tuck shop went down an absolute storm! A grand total of £173 was raised for Play Care funding.



It was lovely seeing so many people at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. Every year Play Care lay a Poppy wreath to remember all those fallen.

Christmas is always a busy time of the year at Play Care. Santa came along to our Grotto, he had gifts for every child he met at the Christmas Disco Party. We didn't see him dancing, did you?

On the 23rd December, Play Care children enjoyed a visit to see the Polar Express at Stanley and then came back to a surprise Tea Party. This was a fabulous Play Care funded treat for the children.

Why does Play Care need to Fundraise?

Play Care is self funding. This means we do not receive any financial help from the government or by any other means. The fees we charge for childcare go primarily towards paying wages. We also need to pay annual bills such as licences (TV, Music and Raffle Ticket licensing) as well as other general bills (HR, rent etc).

Our staff are continuously attending courses to keep up to date with safeguarding and training so we can offer the best care for children. Training comes at a cost too.

Fundraising is vital to enable us to offer children up to date games and activities such as iPads and tablets, the latest board games, craft items and toys as well as being able to heavily subsidise outings and trips.

What happens to the money from Fundraising Events?

Once the costs of staging events have been paid for (DJ hire etc), all of the remaining money is noted and banked so we can fund new items and trips when necessary.

We aim to keep our costs to families as low as possible because we know how expensive children can be!

As always, we are extremely appreciative of your continued support with all of our fundraising events.

Thank you!

February Half Term Events: 17th - 21st February

Monday

Morning: Model making - Robots.
Afternoon: Robots and painting.

Tuesday

Morning: Chinese food tasting.
Afternoon: Cooking pancakes.

Wednesday

Morning: Model making - Animals.
Afternoon: Animals and painting

Thursday

Morning: Painting Bird Boxes.
Afternoon: Making bird food.

Friday

Morning: Making sock & glove puppets.
Afternoon: DVD & Popcorn.

Bank Holiday Closures:

April 10th is Good Friday.
April 13th is Easter Monday.

Friday 8th May - Early May Bank Holiday for VE Day.

Easter Holidays: 6th - 17th April

Events to be advised. Check Facebook and our website for details.



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www.facebook.com/BurnopfieldPlayCare

What's on?

Throughout February, March and April, we will hold activities which will coincide with annual calendar events:

- **Chinese New Year:** Year of the Rat - Arts & Crafts until 8th February.
- **Valentine's Day:** 14th February - Card Making.
- **St. David's Day:** 1st March - Daffodil Crafts.
- **St. Patrick's Day:** 17th March - Leprechaun Crafts.
- **Special Person's Day:** 22nd March - Card Making.
- **St. George's Day:** 23rd April - Fun Activities.

Easter Hamper for PACT House

For Easter this year, we have decided to put together an Easter Hamper for PACT House.

Although we are not asking for donations, anyone is more than welcome to add a little something to our collection.

We would love to continue to support PACT House.

Our Committee

Play Care is run by a small committee of unpaid volunteers who oversee finances, planning and structure. They are required to ensure everything is in order so there is a safe and suitable environment for children. All members are DBS checked and share mutual interests in running Play Care.

Members are a friendly bunch, they are:

Sarah Leigh Nicholson: Chair.

Sarah-Jayne Bowen: Secretary.

Steve Dormer: Treasurer.

Karen Burnip Brown: Marketing/Digital.

Ashley Wilson: Member.

Jude Mackenzie: Member.

If you would like to become a committee member, and you can offer a supportive role to Play Care then please contact Margaret or a member.

We are always looking to welcome anyone new and we would love to hear any comments or suggestions you may have.

You can email us at:

playcare@burnopfieldschool.co.uk

or message/call 07914 780804.

Try to find all of the hidden Easter words in the word search puzzle below.

(Words can be spelled backwards, forwards, diagonally, up or down.)

**BASKET
CHICKS
CHOCOLATES**

**COTTONTAIL
CUDDLY
HIDE**

**HOLIDAY
HUNT
JELLYBEAN**

**QUACK
SPRING
SUNDAY**

**TRADITION
TREATS
UMBRELLA**

C	F	E	S	C	I	L	J	A	U	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	I	C	W	U	G	W	Z	P
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