



Pre-school Newsletter Spring 2014

the latest news from your community pre-school

Here's a message from our committee

Well we have nearly come to the end of our first half of term and its been fantastic overall with only a few teething issues. The children have adapted brilliantly which is thanks to the staff preparing them well. We have our AGM Wednesday 26th February 8pm at The Royal Oak look forward to seeing you there. We thank you all for your support

Time to Party and celebrate our first Half Term at our new home

Keep a close look out in your pigeon holes for a very special invitation coming very soon!

Sewing Workshop

We would like to hold a sewing and making workshop fortnight when we return from the half term break and are looking for willing volunteers to come in and stitch up some drawstring bags, draught excluders and

Fundraising

A massive thankyou to everyone that supported our hot pot supper on the 8th February. It was a thoroughly enjoyable night that saw a variety of people come together to have a relaxed evening of fantastic food, drink and music and in turn raise a staggering amount in the region of £1500!!! There are many thank you's to make; to Hire All (a local company) that supplied chairs, plates, cutlery and glasses all free of charge! To committee members and friends that cooked the delicious dishes. To all the people who generously donated for our raffle and auction and to those who bought tickets! To Charlie Jackson who created the perfect atmosphere with background jazz and finally to Bolney Wine Estate for allowing us the freedom to hold the event and supplying their wine.

There have already been requests for another event so watch this space!!

Exciting Funding News

We were thrilled to discover shortly after the new year that our application for funding from "Be The Business" had been successful. As part of its commitment to support local business, WSCC launched the Be The Business grant

themed bunting. We would gratefully welcome any donations of time, fabric and haberdashery items to enable this project to lift off. Following on from this we will also be looking for help to create story sacks for lending. Please sign up to help out.

URGENTLY CALLING ALL DADS/MALE CARERS

Monday 3rd March - Friday 7th March 2014

Your children ask you, to come and stay and play.

Please come and join your children in the setting. At any time within session times. Explore our resources and discover the fun that your children have.

You are never too old for Lego (and much more).

Celebrating Birthdays

At BU5s we love celebrating each child's birthday. Families are encouraged to send in a birthday cake (large or fairy cakes) and we light candles and sing. Since the last Newsletter we have celebrated Jack, Will and Henry's 4th birthdays, Holly has had her 3rd birthday and a hat trick of staff birthdays with Emma, Georgia and Stacey in January.

We would like to also further welcome Amelia, George and Ethan and their families to pre-school life.

Try this at Home

As a staff team we have been discussing the importance of being eloquent. Correct pronunciation of words is the backbone of early literacy skills. If we model language correctly the children we all love will mirror our language and in time be able to read and spell with ease.

programme last year, and we absolutely delighted to be one of the successful recipients. We have been awarded just under £10,000, which will contribute massively to the costs we have needed to meet to relocate the pre-school to the Bolney Wine Estate. A condition of the grant is that we provide matched funding, so a massive thank-you to everyone who has donated time, labour, materials and monetary contributions as well as to all who continue to support our fundraising efforts.

We also wait to hear the outcome of a second grant application to help us further develop the facilities and service we provide to our 2 year old preschool children. The result of this application should be released by the end of February. Fingers crossed!

Developing Your Staff Team

We thought that you may be interested to discover the training that all of our practitioners undergo to ensure that we continue to offer our users the best possible services.

All of our staff continue to attend continual professional development courses bring fresh, innovative and up to date ideas back into the setting.

Since our last newsletter Georgia has embarked on a level 3 Apprenticeship in Children and the Young Peoples Workforce and Emma also has a level 3 start date in March. Emma will not be in the setting after half term for 8 weeks as she recovers from corrective surgery to her wrist. She will be keeping in touch and hopes to pop in from time to time. Nikki is a hairs breadth away from completing her Level 3 qualification and Charlie is galloping up behind her, could it be a photo finish! Going forward Angie is embarking on a Level 4 childcare course and is awaiting funding news as is Stacey with regard to her Level 2 qualification.

Little Possums

We would like to apologise further to all Possums parents that we had to put meeting on hold for a few weeks. After half term we will start back 9.30am till 11am and we look forward to seeing you then. Please spread the word and fill the room!

Take time each day to listen and converse with children, ditch digital media and in turn trust and confidence will shine.
GO ON GIVE IT A GO..once you have read this of course :)



Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term

6th January - 4th April

Half Term

week commencing 17th February

20-22nd February

Bolney Players Panto 'Dick Whittington'

26th February

BU5s AGM 8pm The Royal Oak, Wineham

2nd March - Feast @ Four- St Mary Magdalene 3-4pm

3rd - 7th March

Dads/male carers week @ Bu5s

16th March

Big Bolney Bake Off @ The Pavillion

28th March

Quiz Night @ Bolney Cof E Primary

18th May

Dog Show - Village Hall Fundraiser

Free Books

We are very lucky to receive donations of books from families with ties to BU5s. These kind donations allow us to refresh our library and as a result there are now a couple of baskets of books in the waiting area looking for new homes. Please help yourselves and enjoy

Polite Reminders

Please notify us if

- you're child is absent from Pre-school.
- your child has had an accident outside pre-school hours.
- your child has been given medication before pre-school hours.
- someone else is collecting your child.

Handmade Cards

Sue Fatcher (Keagan's mummy) is turning her passion and talent for card making to raise funds for BU5s. She has placed a basket of cards in the waiting area for sale and is also able to make personalised cards, amongst other things to order. Why not place an order for a personalised valentines card for the one you love?

Childhood is not a race to see how quickly a child can read, write, and count. Childhood is a small window of time to learn and develop at the pace which is right for each individual child.



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