

Little Acorns Newsletter – Summer Term May 2011

Hello and welcome to the Little Acorns Newsletter. This is a free resource to bring you the latest news and views from the Committee as well as updates on planned activities over the coming months. We hope you can spend a few minutes reading the information on the following pages, and assist where possible in ensuring the on-going success of Little Acorns.



May Fayre – Little Acorns May Fayre is due to take place on Saturday 14th May from 2pm – 4pm. Some of the entertainment planned includes a BBQ, balloon uncle, hook a duck, arts and crafts, a bouncy castle, books, cards, cosmetics, and a cake sale. There will also be a competition for the May King and Queen. Don't forget to tell your friends and family. It is sure to be a fun afternoon – see you there!

Summer outings have now been organised for the 29th June (Waltham Place Farm) and 30th June and 1st July (Dinton Pastures). Sign up sheets have now been added to the notice board and more information is also available on our website www.littleacorns-twyford.co.uk/summer-outings/.

Little Acorns Pre-School Committee Fundraising –

Fundraising is one of the easiest, and most fun, ways to get involved and support Little Acorns.

Currently we are raising money to ensure the completion of the proposed extension to the building. This will provide a medical and rest room for sick and younger children and a larger kitchen area.

This is where we need your help. ☺

We are looking for a team of volunteers to help organise events to support Little Acorns fundraising.

Would you like to hold a coffee morning, help organise a children's fashion show, contribute to a family recipe book or take part in a Dad's Challenge?

Alternatively, do you have some ideas of events you would like to attend, or ways in which we could raise some additional funds?

We will be holding a fundraising meeting, at a suitable drinking establishment, later in May. If you have any ideas to add to the list, or you would like to help in some way, then please contact our Fundraising Co-ordinator Paul Hunt (email: paulhunt75@tiscali.co.uk).

Easter Bonnet/Hat Competition –

Many thanks to all those who entered this year's Easter Bonnet/hat competition. We raised £44 for fundraising. Congratulations to our winners:-

- 1st Prize – Aiden Howell
- 2nd Prize – Zander and Vaughn Norris
- 3rd Prize – Lauren Malin and Arden Koymazalir
- 4th Prize – Isabella Jones

To take a look at some of the photographs from this event go to www.littleacorns-twyford.co.uk/easter-bonnetshats/.

Summer Term – there is a lot happening at Little Acorns this term; Teddy Bear's picnic week (13-17th June), Sports Day afternoons (13th and 15th July) and Leavers' parties on the 21st and 22nd July, are all scheduled.

Don't forget our blog is regularly updated with details of activities at www.littleacorns-twyford.co.uk/blog/.

This year's Barnardo's Big Toddle at the Discovery Centre Bracknell will take place on 9th June at 1pm, see www.bigtoddle.co.uk for more details.

Little Acorns has now registered with My School Direct, an online fundraising scheme. All the major retailers are included (M&S, ELC, Boots, Halfords) and many more. Please register for free at www.myschooldirect.com/welcome and next time you go to shop on line help us to raise some funds.

Twyford's Donkey Derby – This years' Donkey Derby is due to take place on Sunday 5th June from 1-5pm at St George's Recreation Ground. We will be running a bottle tombola on the day, and therefore ask if you have a bottle to donate to bring it in to Pre-school.

During the Summer Term all 4 year olds who attend Little Acorns Wednesday afternoon session will cover their music and movement class at Colleton School. If you would like any more details or want to discuss this further please speak with Rachel Blackwell, Little Acorns Manager.

We are currently working towards renewing our Pre-school Learning Alliance Accreditation, and as part of this process you should have received an Impact Story Template. If you feel Little Acorns has helped your child, then please take a moment to write a few lines and return the form to Rachel Blackwell, Little Acorns Manager.

Little Acorns Pre-school Committee Vacancies - Little Acorns is a registered charity run by a committee of volunteer parents. The Committee meets once every half term and, although an important business, committee meetings are friendly and informal.

As several parents children are moving to school in September we have a number of roles due to become vacant. We are looking to fill these places now to allow time for a smooth handover, and where appropriate, to cover any additional training and guidance.

Are you interested in learning new skills? Would you like to meet other parents and support Little Acorns? Some roles require a few hours of regular commitment per month, others a little more.

Specifically, we are looking for people interested in taking over the following positions; Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, HR and Fundraising Co-ordinator.

No previous experience necessary, but a willingness to be part of a successful team is essential. ☺

To discuss any of these roles, or offer your support to the Committee please speak with either Rachel Blackwell, Little Acorns Manager (email: manager.littleacorns@weyfs.org.uk) or Neetan Kathuria, Little Acorns Committee Chair (email: neetankathuria@googlemail.com).

We are still collecting Sainsbury's and Tesco vouchers, which are due to be exchanged for resources in June 2011. Please place your vouchers in the relevant collection box at Little Acorns.

Have you heard about Nestlé's free books for schools? Please check your cereal boxes for the tokens as we are now collecting. Please place your tokens in the collection box.

Do you have anything you would like to sell, and, donate the proceeds to Little Acorns? If so, you are welcome to advertise the details in the next edition of this Newsletter. Please contact Rachel (email: manager.littleacorns@weyfs.org.uk) for more details.

Have we missed anything? If you have any ideas regarding content that you would like to see included in this Newsletter, please let us know via the Suggestion Box.