

Little Acorns Newsletter – Summer Term June 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.



Teddy Bears Picnic week has now taken place (13th -17th June). This was a well supported event and all the children who took part enjoyed eating lunch outside with their teddies. Don't forget to look out for a photograph in the Twyford Times this week.

Little Acorns Sports Days are due to take place on the 13th and 15th July from 2.30pm – 3.05pm. The sporting events will take place in the playground if the weather is fine. Please remember to book this time away from work if you would like to attend, and, for the morning children who want to be included, watch out for the sign up sheets at Little Acorns.

Little Acorns Pre-school Committee Vacancies - Little Acorns is a registered charity run by a committee of volunteer parents.

We are still looking for people interested in taking over the positions of Chair, Treasurer, Payroll and Newsletter.

The posts are open to anyone that wants to support the Pre-school, Dad's, Mum's, Grandparents or extended family.

Do you have previous finance experience or know someone that would be able to help with the Treasurer or Payroll position?

Would you like to run the Committee meetings, and support the staff with ensuring the smooth running of the Pre-school? Then the position of Chair may be just the position you are looking for.

Do you have a few hours each term to collate together content and edit a two page newsletter? Then we would like to hear from you about writing this newsletter.

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).

Little Acorns Staff Vacancy – We have a vacancy for a **Support Assistant** (12.5 hours per week) commencing in September.

The role includes supervising lunch club and snack time, joining in with outside playtimes, cleaning and keeping play areas tidy. As the job involves working with children a CRB check is required.

For more information please see the full job description at <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/jobs/vacancies/non-council-jobs/?entryid161=187049&p=3ant>. or speak with Rachel Blackwell, Little Acorns Manager.



For Sale – A double buggy (pictured) has been donated for sale with all proceeds going to Little Acorns. A well loved model complete with raincover. £20 ono accepted. If interested please contact Rachel Blackwell, Little Acorns Manager.

Don't forget Little Acorns has now registered with My School Direct, an online fundraising scheme. Please register for free at www.myschooldirect.com/welcome and next time you go to shop on line help us to raise some funds.

For Sale - Do you want a new, modern garage door? An electric roll-over single garage door, plum red colour, installed 3 years ago will be surplus to requirements in about 2 months (mid August.) It will fit most single garages, and looks smart. Price - to be negotiated, please ring 0118 934 5555.

Little Acorns Dad's Challenge – is due to take place on Sunday 31st July. There are a choice of walks available; 18 miles (Marlow – Reading) or 9 miles (Marlow – Henley or Henley – Reading).

The challenge is not a race, but it is a team endurance event. Timings have been based around an even pace of 3 miles per hour (average walking speed) and there is an opportunity for families to meet up at lunchtime in Henley.

Fundraising has already started so if you would like to know more please contact caroline.karn@hotmail.co.uk.

Suggestion Box - a suggestion has been made by a parent asking if Little Acorns would consider a sibling discount. Little Acorns Committee considered this idea but unfortunately are not able to offer such a discount. Sessions are priced keenly and each child that takes a place requires the same amount of resources. However, Little Acorns are looking into offering shorter sessions at the Children's Centre from January 2012, and charges will be pro-rated accordingly. For more information please contact Rachel Blackwell, Little Acorns Manager.

Leavers – Little Acorns Preschool Staff and Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish those children who leave for school in September much success and happiness at their new schools. Farewell parties are now being organised for the end of term and we hope that all leavers can attend.

We have been advised by Starlings Children's Centre that they are offering a series of 'Preparing for School' sessions throughout July. This should enable children and families to have an easy transition from Preschool to Primary School. For more information and for a timetable of activities for the Summer holidays please email the Centre directly thestarlingschildrenscentre@wokingham.gov.uk.

Alternatively, for the current timetable please go to:

<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/family/childrens-centres/discover-your-local-childrens-centre-/twyford/>.

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

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.