

Little Acorns Newsletter – Autumn Term, November 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.

Annual General Meeting

This was held on the 19th of October at 8pm in the ABC Building. We voted in the new committee and formally accepted the new PLA constitution. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new committee members and our grateful thanks for those retiring from the committee. The minutes are available on application to the Secretary on LittleAcornsTwyford@gmail.com.

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Fundraising:

The cake sale went down very well and we have raised £75!

We have Index books for sale until the 16th on which we will receive a commission. Please have a look in the on display, we are sure you will be agreeably surprised by the low prices.

We are in line to get a large box of toys or even a bonus prize as we did last year (a trampoline) but we need your assistance. Please go to the following link and register your support. It will cost you nothing and you do not need to sign up for the mail/email contacts. <http://www.havenfunfitness.com/>

Dates for your Diary:

18 Nov Children in Need

The children will be making cookies or cakes all week.

2 December Twyford Christmas Fair.

We will be setting up a stall at the Fair again this year and hope to see you there. We will be filling cups with bits and bobs for adults, children or pets and will hold a lucky dip.

15 Dec Nativity at St Mary's Church from 1.30.

The children will be making salt dough ornaments and hang them on our tree in the church. There will be stalls, refreshments and activities for all! Please ask your employers if they would be able to provide a gift towards the raffle prize. We are particularly interested in anyone who can do face painting at the event and hope to have at least 3. We are also looking for someone with a camcorder to record the events and burn DVD's for us for sale afterwards for £5 each.

14 & 16 Dec: Christmas Party

We are looking for a volunteer to play Santa on the 14th from 2pm.

If you feel you could volunteer to assist at any of these events, please contact the Secretary by email on LittleAcornsTwyford@gmail.com or speak to Rachel.

January Sessions

We currently have 8 places remaining for the new classes from January 2012 in the Starlings Children's Centre. These will be smaller than at present, with a maximum of 16 children. Staff will be sourced from our usual team, so children will be familiar with them.

Sessions will be Wednesday & Thursday afternoons from 12h30 – 3pm and Starlings will be closed to the public those times. Sessions will cost of £13.75 per session or can be part of funded entitlement. This earlier pick up time may suit parents who need to collect older children elsewhere. Bookings for sessions in Starlings Children Centre can be made now for January 2012.

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Sebastians Lunches

In response to several enquiries for the school to provide lunches, you will now be able to preorder boxed lunches from Sebastian's Cafe from January. As many of you may know, the eponymous Sebastian is six and already bidding fair to be as accomplished a chef as his father, Jason. All arrangements will be with Sebastian's directly but the preschool will be awarded a commission. Boxed lunches start from just £1.50

Abel and Cole

Please don't forget to buy your fruit and veg from Abel and Cole - purchases contribute to our fundraising. Orders can be placed via the website or by letting Rachel know the week before a bag is required.

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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 have moved 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.

Specifically, we are looking for people interested in taking over **Site Maintenance and Newsletters/ Assistant Administrator**. 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 Abby Baugh, Little Acorns Committee Chair (email: broadhinton169@aol.com).

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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.

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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.

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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.