



Newsletter Spring 2011

A NOTE FROM THE STAFF!

The staff and I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. We would like to welcome all the new children who are joining us – we hope they enjoy themselves!

We will be doing a colour of the week as from Tuesday 8th February. The children can bring something to show in the weeks colour. The colour of the week will be as follows:

Red	8 th February
Blue	15 th February
Yellow	1 st March
Green	8 th March
White	15 th March
Grey	22 nd March
Black	29 th March
Pink	5 th April
Brown	26 th April
Orange	3 rd May
Purple	10 th May

At Monday Club we will be doing 'show and tell' – the children can bring something in and talk about it. (Please do not send anything new). This will start Monday 7th February.

Jackie, Supervisor

Dates for your diary

January

Monday 17th: **Committee meeting 8pm-10pm**

February

Monday 21st - Friday 25th: **Spring half term**

April

Sunday 10th: **Easter Fair 3-5 pm**

Monday 11th – Friday 22nd April: **Easter Holidays**

New Chairperson required!

Sadly we are losing our chairwoman at the end of January. Karen Douch has had to step down for personal reasons. A huge thank-you must go to her for all her efforts as Chair in the last 18 months because without a committee and especially a Chairperson the pre-school cannot operate.

If the role as chairperson interests you or if you would just like to be a 'general help' on the committee, please consider coming to our next meeting on the 17th of January to find out a bit more. Every year we lose members of the committee as their children progress to primary school so we need 'new blood' to ensure the

smooth transition of the running of the Pre-school from year to year.

Fundraising

The Christmas Fair raised approximately £260, so well done to everyone who helped organise it, and also to those who came along to support the event. Fundraisers this term include:

Skittles night, which is open to everyone. This should be a fun evening where we can all enjoy a meal and test our skittles skills, or lack of them! Date and details to be confirmed.

Easter Fair: A fun event for parents and children alike, there will be plenty of activities to enjoy.

Other ventures include :

Easyfundraising – a FREE service where you can shop with your favourite online stores (John Lewis, Tesco etc) and at no extra cost raise funds for WUFs. You still shop directly with each retailer as you would normally, but each purchase you make generates a **cashback donation** to Wellow Under Fives. Please sign up to this service by following the easy steps on the Wellow Under Fives website www.wellowunderfives.org.uk/fundraising_events/earn_as_you_shop. Earnings to date: in excess of £350

www.wellowunderfives.org.uk

Wellow Village Hall, Buttons Lane, West Wellow, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 6BR

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Voluntary Donations

Like any charity, we are always grateful for any donations however small. If you feel you would like to make a contribution please speak to Jackie or the Pre-school Treasurer Kate Hunt.

Fees Payment

Fees are payable half termly in advance and must be received within 2 weeks of being issued. Failure to pay fees on time may jeopardise your child's place at preschool. For more information please see our fees policy on the information section of our website.

Dropping off and Picking up

On arrival could you please encourage your child to find their name card and place it on a chair together with their coat, bag and boots.

Collecting your child - Please note that for safety reasons only those adults listed in your child's file are permitted to collect them. If you send someone unexpectedly you will need to phone the preschool to advise them in advance. On collection, we have a very short tidy up time at 12.15. We would therefore be grateful if you could please collect your child promptly.

Contact Details - Please ensure that we have your current address and phone numbers. If any details change, please be sure to let us know. If someone else is going to collect your child regularly, please ensure their details are added to your child's file or

alternatively let Jackie know at drop off exactly who will collect your child that day.

Comments Book - Can we please ask parents to kindly use our comments book which is located on the table in the hall at pick up and drop off times. This is extremely useful for us as it allows us an insight in to what you feel is working well or not so well. If you have any complaints, please speak with a member of the committee or alternatively you may phone Ofsted on 08456 40 40 40

Parent Help Rota

Please refer to the rota on our website. If the date allocated does not suit your personal commitments, please could you swap with someone else, and notify Jackie of the swap.

http://www.wellowunderfives.org.uk/information/parent_help/parent_help.html

Clothing

Coats and Wellies - We try to get the children out to the garden for some fresh air at each session. So could we please ask that your child has a suitable coat/jacket and wellies. Please ensure all belongings are named to avoid any confusion.

Wellow Under Fives T-Shirts are available in sizes 3-4 years & 4-5 years. T-shirts are priced at £5.50 each. To order your child's T-shirt, please ask Jackie or let us know via the website <http://www.wellowunderfives.org.uk/contactus>

Jelly Tots Playgroup

Playgroup takes place on Monday mornings at the Village Hall from 9.30 -11.30am. There are puzzles, games, ride-ons, dressing up, arts and crafts, cars, role play and a variety of other toys. In addition there is a dedicated area for smaller babies. Entry cost is £2 per family including the children's snack. After snack time the session finishes with singing.

Toy Donations – If anyone has any Infant toys that they need to find another home for, please consider donating them to Jellytots. Toys in good condition will always be gratefully received.

Feedback

If you have any comments on pre-school or fundraising please feel free to contact us via the website: www.wellowunderfives.org.uk

And finally.....Happy Birthday to....

Ellie Parsons, Michaela Wall, Lucy Smith, Libby Bickley Downs, Nevaeh Tuson, Toby Saunders, Olivia Spooner, Esme Horley and Archie Blackmore who will all celebrate their birthdays this term.

Please note, a copy of this newsletter has been emailed to all those who have email contact details held by WUFs. If you would like to be added to this email contact list for future newsletters, please inform Jackie or anyone on the committee.