



Newsletter Summer 2011

A NOTE FROM THE STAFF!

Jackie and staff would like to welcome everyone back to a busy last term. There are lots of activities happening for the older ones ready for their start at Wellow School in September. The theme we come back to after half term is Mini Beasts. Some of the activities include making ladybirds, cellophane butterflies and baking cheesy worms. The staff would like to wish all those leaving in July good luck in starting school.

Jackie, Supervisor

Dates for your diary

June

Monday 13th: Leavers Trip to Hilliers

Monday 27th: Leavers visit to Wellow School 1.30pm – 2.45pm

July

Friday 1st July: Wellow School closed, but Pre-school OPEN!

Wednesday 20th: Leavers visit to Wellow School, 9.15am – 11.45am

Sunday 24th: Summer BBQ 3pm - 5 pm

Tuesday 26th: Leavers Party 1pm – 2.30pm

Wed 27th – Mon 5th Sept: **Summer Holidays**

Welcome to our new Chairperson

A special mention must go to Lucy Sheffield who took over the role of pre-school chairperson in the spring. She has been thrown in at the deep end but with support from the committee, parents and staff we hope she enjoys her role and we benefit from her time and expertise for a long time to come.

Goodbye Jackie

After 13 years of service to Wellow Pre-school Jackie has decided to move on due to commitments outside the pre-school. I'm sure everyone would like to pass on their thanks for all her work in the past and wish her every happiness and success in the future.

The recruitment process for a new Supervisor is already well under way to ensure we have a suitable replacement to take over in September.

Fundraising

The Easter Fair was a huge success this year and raised just under £420, so well done to everyone who helped organise it, and also to those who came along to support the event.

Our main fundraiser this term will be the **Summer BBQ**; a fun event for parents and children alike. There will be plenty of activities to enjoy and of course a delicious BBQ to sample! Other ventures include

Easy-fundraising – a FREE service where you can shop with your favourite online stores (John Lewis, Tesco, Amazon 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 website

www.wellowunderfives.org.uk/fundraising_events/earn_as_you_shop. Earnings to date: in excess of £350. You also receive information on great offers and sales.

Committee Recruiting Now – We need your help

The success of our Preschool is down to the staff but also the volunteer committee. A large percentage of the committee is made up of parents with children who are leaving in July. We would like to thank all of these parents who have made such a difference to the successful running of our pre school and for their fundraising efforts. **THANK YOU**. So this means we need new people to help out. We meet once a month on a Monday evening. Action meetings are relaxed and informal as well as very productive. It is a great way to meet the staff and other parents and also make a real difference to your child's opportunities by contributing to the effective running of Wellow Under Fives. After all, the more money we can make at fundraising events and the decisions we take allow us to

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develop the facilities of the preschool so your children have richer experiences. It has been shown in many studies that getting involved in your child's education can make a real difference to their success. You are very welcome to come along to a committee meeting or if you want to find out more you can e-mail Lucy the current chairperson on chair@wellowunderfives.org.uk. We are aiming to change Lucy's position to a job share as soon as possible or to elect someone as a deputy chair to share the work load. Lucy will shortly be returning to work and simply will not have the available free time to continue to commit to the responsibilities of the role on her own. **Please contact any member of the committee or staff if you are interested.** We are all working in the best interests of the children to help provide the best Pre-school service we can - so please come and help.

[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 any member of staff or the committee.

[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.

[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 staff of the swap.

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

[Sun protection](#)

The pre-school have recently erected a fantastic new awning on the patio to provide an area of additional shade (and some protection from the rain when wet!) in the garden. This is thanks to a grant from Hampshire County Council, contributions from Wellow Village Hall and ourselves from our fundraising activities. However, the children will still need protection from the sun in other areas of the garden that aren't in the shade. Could we please ask that you have applied plenty of sunscreen to your child before they arrive in the morning and they have a suitable hat to protect them from the sun. 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 a member of staff 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.

[Feedback](#)

If you have any comments on pre-school or fundraising please feel free to contact us via the website: www.wellowunderfives.org.uk or contact Lucy the chair of the committee directly on chair@wellowunderfives.org.uk. WUF's OFSTED registration number is 511102.

[New Door Bell](#)

We have had a bell fitted just to the right of the front door to allow parents to ring through to the hall when the front door is locked.

[And finally.....Happy Birthday to....](#)

Anna Bethel, Noah Lay, Aimee Curtis, Ben Hoggarth, Louie Palmer, George Thompson, Connor Glenn, Maddie Brooke-Light and Dylan Stone who are all celebrating their birthdays this term or over the summer holidays.

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 staff or anyone on the committee.