

# ASHRIDGE NEWS

## From the Management Committee - February 2011

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February Single Funding Formula  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February Social at The 3 Frogs  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February Fayre meeting  
Half Term week 21-25 February  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February CASH for CLOTHES

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Annual Budget Meeting  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March Quiz Night at Ashridge  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March TASK FORCE  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March Committee Meeting  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March NCT Sale

**Annual General Meeting and election of Committee and executive officers Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

### Chair chat

Welcome back and hello to all of the new parents that have joined us this term. The spring term is busy behind the scenes, and the committee already have their fayre focus together and are starting the preparations for our biggest annual fundraiser in May (Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>). If anyone is willing to get involved in the organising then please let myself or Elaine Edmondson know, the first meeting is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Elaine is also very busy organising a cash 4 clothes collection and the NCT sale. Any help with the fayre preparations or either events would be very welcome! Other fundraising you could get involved in are gift aiding any donations, cutting your Wokingham times coupons out of for the £200 draw and remembering to use the Giving Machine if purchasing online.

Task force nights and ad-hoc task force pick-ups are working really well. Mrs Lipski and the team really appreciate the help that we are giving them. Thank you to all of the parents who are getting involved. Can I also ask that we fill the calendar for the towel rota? There are still a few Wednesday and Friday places available. If you have volunteered already, thank you.

We have a busy 'meeting' term ahead, with our Budget meeting and AGM in March to plan for, in addition the council are finally disclosing the single funding formula this month. The formula will replace how the grant for each child is calculated and how much money we will receive as government funding. So hopefully we will be able to present its implications at the budget meeting in March.

We also have some recruiting to undertake this term as we are saying goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Wallace at Easter. With Mrs Wallace's help, we have taken this opportunity to review the role of the administrator and expand its responsibilities. Interviews will take place before half term.

Also behind the scenes we are looking at the structure of the committee and trustees. We currently only have 2 active trustees and a diminishing number of parents on the committee, being asked to carry out more and more to manage the charity. Please let me know if you have any thoughts on the matter.

On a lighter note our termly social will be down the pub for a change, maybe dads will come too! A chance for the new faces to get to know each other and a good opportunity to talk schools, sessions planned for the summer term and how much fun our little ones have at Ashridge.

Hope to see you at The Three Frogs if not in the queue.

Kind regards,

Anne Tovey,

Chairman Ashridge Nursery Parents Association

**Ashridge Social Nights**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February The Three Frogs  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March Quiz Night at Ashridge

We have picked 2 nights in this term's calendar for Ashridge socials. Our first is to be at The Three Frogs Pub from 8pm all welcome and it may even encourage mums and dads out together. A good opportunity to talk to other Ashridge parents. In March we are organising a Quiz night social and fundraiser at the nursery, from 8pm. Details nearer the time.

**TASK FORCE NIGHT**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April

Please come and join us to help the staff get through those little extra tasks that need doing. Scissors normally start snipping from 7:30. Many hands make light work!

Contact Michele if you can help.

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## CASH for CLOTHES!

We would like you to donate your old good quality re-usable clothes, belts, shoes, handbags, household textiles, perfumes and soft toys.

They will not accept poor quality / wet items, duvets, pillows, carpets, books, glass, metal or bric-a-brac.

Bring them to the nursery somewhere between **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

## WOKINGHAM NCT SALE

Ashridge Nursery will once again be registering to sell at the NCT sale on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

At the sale, you can find nearly new quality clothing and shoes for babies and children aged under 10, toys and equipment.

If you have any nearly new items that you'd be happy to donate for us to sell, please bring them to the nursery anytime from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.** We will label and present them ready for sale.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Annual Budget Meeting, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March Annual General Meeting, AGM**

The Treasurer will present the accounts to the committee and we will plan the Budget for the next financial year at the Budget meeting; Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please contact Anne if you wish any further details.

The AGM of the Ashridge Nursery Parents Association will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at 8pm in the Nursery building. This meeting is open to all parents and carers with children at Ashridge Nursery.

We report on what has happened during the last year and what is planned for the forthcoming year, so it is a good opportunity to gain an insight into the running of the Nursery.

It is at this meeting that the members of the Management Committee for the next year are elected; positions will be available to fill. More information will be communicated nearer the time.

## Easy money for Ashridge...

Shopping online? Don't forget to register with the Giving Machine, and nominate Ashridge Nursery as a beneficiary. If you go through the site every time you shop, Ashridge Nursery will receive a donation from the company you shop with, and it will not cost you a penny extra!

[www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)



So far this term we have raised £34.33

If you have any more easy money ideas then please let us know.



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