

ASHRIDGE NEWS

From your Committee - June 2011

Saturday 2nd July Disco and Auction

Monday 4th July Task Force

Thursday 7th July Coffee at Ashridge

Monday 11th July Odds Farm

Thursday 14th July Committee Meeting

Saturday 16th July End of Term Picnic

Thursday 21st July Three Frogs Trip

Friday 22nd July Leavers Presentation

Friday 22nd July End of Term

Tuesday 9th August Summer Clean #1

Thursday 25th August Summer Clean #2

Tuesday 6th September Autumn term starts

Chair chat

The end of term is zooming towards us and it appears we have already had summer! Luckily the last day of sunshine was on 21st May as we had a brilliant day for the fayre. Thank you to all of the parents and friends of Ashridge who helped make our fayre such a fantastic day. I have included some of the photos of the day later in the newsletter. Congratulations to Elaine and the team for organising yet another excellent event. Thank you also to Beccy Wood, Al Dighton and Darren Skeates for their marathon efforts and raising funds for Ashridge.

Our next fundraising and community event is the charity disco and auction; I hope to see a few familiar faces on the dance floor, if not scribbling bids against the great auction lots. The committee and parents organise these events not only to raise much needed funds for the nursery but also to build a community. Thank you for your continued support.

It is busy in the nursery this term, we are at our peak of numbers for the year, I would highly recommend going in for a play, the range of ideas that the children have are brilliant. The office is focusing on the new term planning our sessions and new starters are being offered places. We have 18 new faces to welcome in the autumn with 12 of our older children wishing to stay on an extra term to help show the ropes.

With excellent timing Ofsted inspected us. The staff & I were happy with the feedback from the inspector, we will find out our grading soon. Thank you to the staff for their hard work.

Finally, thank you to the families that braved the rain and joined in the fun at the Open Farm day earlier this month. If you know of any community events that we would all enjoy then please share!

Enjoy your summer holidays.

Kind regards,

Anne Tovey, Chairman

Our wonderful runners



Thank you to all parents and friends who sponsored our marathon runners. The total excluding gift aid raised was £1358

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The Royal Garden Party fayre, including corporate donations, has so far raised £4259



Well done everyone!

Ashridge Nursery's Annual Charity Auction and Disco

Saturday 2nd July
8pm to midnight

A great evening out. The auction lots are definitely worth bidding on.

£2.50 per ticket



Thursday 7th July

Talk to the committee and a member of staff over a cuppa after drop off at 8:45 and 12:30. Use the time to ask questions about the nursery or make plans for your summer play dates.

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TASK FORCE NIGHT Monday 4th July

Please come and join us to help the staff get through those little extra tasks that need doing. Scissors normally start snipping from 7:30pm. Many hands make light work!
Contact Michele if you can help.
michelelgriffiths@gmail.com

COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 14th July 8pm

If you want to have a **direct influence** on the way things are done at the Nursery then join the committee. We are involved in strategy, planning and fundraising for the charity and need parental volunteers and support to do this. Come to our next meeting or the coffee morning to find out more,

Three Frogs Pub Trip Thursday 21st July 8pm

Come share your plans for the long hot summer.



*Tuesday 9th &
Thursday 25th
August*

*Every summer parents, family and friends help deep clean the nursery. If you can spare the time, please come down and help.
Cleaning from 6:30pm onwards.*

Other ways to raise

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

Tell your extended family too!

Waitrose



Waitrose shoppers have very kindly raised £197 for Ashridge Nursery through their community matters. The money is being used to subsidise the additional staffing cost associated with the Odds Farm trip.

Getting the Wokingham Times?

Turn to page 6
Tear out the coupon
Bring into the nursery.
Task Force will do the rest.



Wish to donate directly or on a regular basis. Visit our virgin link.

Gift Aid

Please complete your Gift Aid from with the office, every little helps.

