

ASHRIDGE NEWS



From your Committee - April 2012

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30 th April - Task Force	Thursday 3 rd May - AGM
Tuesday 24 th April - Return Plant Sale Forms	Thursday 10 th May - Dressing-up Day
Thursday 26 th April - Coffee Morning	Saturday 19 th May - Spring Fayre
Thursday 26 th April - Committee Meeting	Monday 28 th May - Task Force
Thursday 3 rd May - Plants for Collection	HALF TERM Monday 4 th - Friday 8 th June

CHAIR CHAT

Welcome back to the Summer term (although we could quite easily think it is Autumn) and my last newsletter entry as your Chairman. As with Victoria's appeal below, there soon will be a vacancy to fill here too.

The committee were money-focused for end of the Spring term with the end of the financial year and planning the new budget. As always, Mrs Brown carried out an excellent job, which will be summarised at the AGM. In addition there have been the preparations for the fayre and the plant sale.

The subcommittee for the fayre are in full flow of organising for the big day in May. All support for the fayre is very welcome and please let Clare Rosenberg or Julie Taylor know if you can offer any help. Your fayre pack should be with you within the next couple of weeks with details of how to get involved in the preparations.

Finally, with the AGM fast approaching we are holding another open committee meeting for all parents so if you are thinking of becoming a new member then come for a taster session on the 26th April.

Kind regards,

Anne Tovey, Chairman

PS. Thank you to Victoria for producing the newsletters, they do look good.

TASK FORCE NIGHTS

Monday 30th April and Monday 28th May



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! Please contact Michele (Emma's mum) if you can help: micheleharrison7@gmail.com

PLANT SALE

Tuesday 24th April

The summer plant forms were issued through the nursery this week. Additional copies are available for friends and neighbours too. Please return your completed order form to the nursery by Tuesday 24th

April and orders will be delivered to the nursery on Thursday 3rd May.



COFFEE TIME!

Thursday 26th April - 8.45am and 12.30pm

Please join us for tea or coffee after drop-off at 8.45am and 12.30pm. Everyone welcome! Have a chat with a member of staff, the committee and other parents and carers about anything you'd like to know. We look forward to seeing you.



COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 26th April - 8pm in the nursery

If you want to have a *direct influence* on the way things are done at the Nursery, why not join the committee? We are involved in strategy, planning and fundraising for the charity and need parental volunteers and support to do this. Please come to our next meeting or the coffee morning, both of which will be on the 26th April, to find out more.

Ashridge Nursery Parents Association AGM

Thursday 3rd May - 8pm in the nursery, with guest presentation from Mrs Lipski

All parents who have children attending Ashridge nursery are automatic members of the parents association. At the AGM 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 also at this meeting that **you** vote for the members of the Management Committee for the next year, 20 parents are required to be present for the meeting to proceed. Nominations for new committee members are currently being received. Please contact our secretary to apply: micheleharrison7@gmail.com

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FAYRE UPDATE

Saturday 19TH May 11.30am-2.30pm

The Spring Fayre Committee are working very hard to ensure this year's fayre is as successful as in previous years. With that in mind, we ask for your help in the following areas:

- **Leaflet drop** - Please add your name to the leaflet drop list outside the nursery if you can help
- **Posters** - These will be available next week; please put them up in shops, libraries, work places, etc.
- **Volunteers** - A list will be up soon for help setting up, clearing down and manning a stall on the day
- **Jam jars** - These will be available if you don't have one; please decorate, fill with sweets and return to the nursery
- **Donations** - The box will be outside nursery; please start saving toys, games, books, clothes, etc.
- **Dressing-up day** - There will be a dress-up day on **Thursday 10th May**. Please bring a bottle as a donation (Soft drinks, shower gel, perfume and alcohol etc. all welcome)
- **Fayre packs** - These will come out soon and will include bunting for your child to colour in, raffle tickets, a plate for cakes, etc.

DAYS OUT AND PLACES TO GO...

Do you take your children to interesting and exciting places that other mums and dads may not know about? It's always good to be able to try somewhere new! Here are a few ideas:

- For those who love the **Pinewood Trains**, www.pinewoodrailway.co.uk, the new season has started, running on the 3rd Sunday of each month from now until October. You can also ride the trains at **Jocks Lane Park** in Bracknell.

See www.bracknellrailwaysociety.co.uk for dates and times.

- **Open Farm Sunday** will be happening again on 17th June 2012. And it's free! Many Ashridge families visited a local farm last year and all had a thoroughly good time. Please visit www.farmsunday.org to find your farm of choice.

- For hands-on science fun, try **The Look Out** opposite Coral Reef swimming pool, or if you fancy going a little further afield, how about **In-tech Science Centre and Planetarium** in Winchester?

If you have any ideas of other places you'd like to share, please email me victoria@whennell.co.uk and I will publish them in the next newsletter.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR REQUIRED!

Can you spare a couple of hours to produce the nursery newsletter? My son, Alexander, will be going to primary school in September so I am looking for someone to take over the newsletter from the beginning of the Autumn term. The aim is to produce two newsletters per term, along with an occasional extra one; for example, in the run-up to the Spring Fayre. It is pretty straight-forward, requires a bit of liaison with either the Chairman or Secretary, and also Mrs Gunter or Mrs Lipski for dates of important and upcoming events, along with a few words on each subject. Please contact me if you are interested: victoria@whennell.co.uk - I am more than happy to go through everything and answer any questions you may have.

We are now accepting direct donations through **Virgin Money Giving**.

Please follow the link on our website:

www.ashridgenursery.co.uk



If you get the **Wokingham Times**, please don't forget to cut out the coupon on page 6 and bring it in to the nursery. Fingers crossed we'll win that £200!



If you are a UK Taxpayer and wish to give directly to the nursery, please complete your **Gift Aid form**. If you have mislaid it, please contact Sam Gunter:

ashridgenursery@btinternet.com for a replacement.

Finally, if you shop online, please register with **The Giving Machine** and nominate Ashridge as your beneficiary. It won't cost you a penny and it is such an easy way to raise funds for the nursery:

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

