

ASHRIDGE NEWS



From your Committee - June 2012

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Keep Hatch Fayre - Saturday 30th June

Odds Farm Trip - Tuesday 3rd July

Committee Meeting - Thursday 5th July

Happy Bags - Thursday 12th July

Family Picnic - Saturday 14th July

Leavers' Presentation - Friday 20th July

End of Term - Friday 20th July

Autumn Term begins - Tues 4th September

CHAIR CHAT

This is my first newsletter as Chair of Ashridge Nursery and it is a real privilege to lead Ashridge Nursery and its parents committee, especially after the momentum of the Spring Fayre which demonstrated the parents' and staff's commitment to the Nursery and its local community. Thanks to everyone involved - it really was a tremendous effort. The summer picnic will take place on Saturday 14th July and will be another opportunity to have fun together.

I would also like to thank the parents and helpers who support the nursery at Task Force evenings. Our members of staff are very appreciative of the time this saves them by doing these tasks and would like to pass on their gratitude also.

As we come to the end of term, it is also an emotional time as we say goodbye to our eldest children who are moving on to infant/primary school. Given the close relations that are formed between the children and the staff, I am sure there will be both happiness and the odd tear when saying goodbye. However, their trip to Odds Farm will hopefully be the 'icing on the cake' of many happy memories of Ashridge Nursery to take with them to 'big school'.

Finally, I would like to thank Helen Lipski and her team for their dedication and professionalism - they continue to support our children individually with passion and a smile. They are a key element of what makes Ashridge so special.

Have a great summer, enjoy the Olympics and we look forward to seeing you at Ashridge Nursery next term.

Kind regards,

Dale Green, Chairman

SUMMER CLEAN

As we have done in past years, we will be asking for volunteers to help clean the nursery over the Summer holidays.

Please keep an eye out for the dates, which will be published soon - and please help if you can.

In the meantime, please add your name, contact details and preference for a day-clean or an evening-clean to the list that will go up outside the nursery soon. Thank you.



ASHRIDGE NURSERY COMMITTEE

Following the AGM at the beginning of May, we have had a change of executive committee members:

- **Chairman** - Dale Green
- **Vice-Chair** - Michele Harrison
- **Treasurer** - Carole Brown
- **Secretary** - Janet Roberts

For details of other committee members, please see the nursery notice-board. Thank you to all of you for stepping up to help Ashridge continue to be the great place it is.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 5th July - 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 on 5th July to find out more.

EARLY YEARS, CHILDCARE AND PLAY IN WOKINGHAM

The Early Years website contains a wealth of information to help with your child's time in an Early Years Setting, including information on exactly what the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is all about, links to what makes up the curriculum, details of childminders in the area and much more. Please see the website for details:

<http://www.school-portal.co.uk/Grouphomepage.asp?GroupId=496958>

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CAN FAMILY FUN AND INFORMATION DAY

Wokingham Borough Council's CAN Network [Children with Assisted Needs] are holding a family fun day on **Saturday 7th July** between 11am and 3pm at Highwood Primary School, Fairwater Drive, Woodley, RG5 3RU. For further information, please call the CAN Network on 0118 9695977 or visit the website: <http://info.wokingham.gov.uk/kb5/wokingham/info/view.page?record=V0b8x3wExDI>

FUNDRAISING UPDATE - THANK YOU!

ASHRIDGE NURSERY SPRING FAYRE

Thank you to all of you for your help and efforts and involvement in this year's Spring Fayre - whether it was decorating a jar, making some cakes, manning a stall, helping to clear up at the end, or simply turning up on the day to support us.

Your amazing fundraising efforts have made over **£3,500!** THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all those who took part in the Treasure Hunt during the Easter Holidays - you raised enough to buy all the children a Jubilee mug, which they received at the fantastic Jubilee Street Party...



...your fundraising efforts will also ensure that each child receives a memento of the London 2012 Olympic Games...



... and with all the **Sainsbury's vouchers** your donated, the nursery has been able to buy new balls, bean bags, hoops and quoits for the children to play with!



OTHER WAYS TO HELP

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 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



THE CHILDREN THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS BY HOLDING A STREET PARTY AND DECORATING THE BACK WALL OF THE NURSERY!

