

ASHRIDGE NEWS



From your Committee - September 2012

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th September - Task Force
Thursday 27th September - Committee Meeting
Saturday 29th September - Family Picnic
Tuesday 2nd October - Coffee at Ashridge

HALF TERM 29th October - 2nd November
Sunday 11th November - NCT Sale
Tuesday 13th November - Coffee at Ashridge
Wednesday 14th November - Twilight Market

CHAIR CHAT

Welcome back all Ashridge parents after the summer holidays and a very warm welcome to our new parents who have joined us this term. We hope you can join us for the picnic on the last Saturday of September, or for coffee the following Tuesday. The end of last term was very busy with a trip to Odds Farm and visiting animals, both of which are good examples of how your fundraising efforts are spent.

Thank you to the families who helped with the summer clean this year, but it needs many hands to make a difference. The annual clean is part of the maintenance of your facility - the committee have organised another 'task force' date on 20th September and it would be good to have lots of helpers.

The committee are also working on bringing our constitution up to date as some things have moved on since the last one was written 30+ years ago. If you are interested in helping us shape Ashridge Nursery for the future, please do get in touch. Our next committee meeting is on 27th September if you would like to sit in to see what goes on.

Hope you enjoy what's left of the sunshine.

Kind regards,
Dale Green, Chairman

TASK FORCE NIGHTS

Thursday 20th September & Monday 8th October
- in the nursery



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

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 27th September - 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 speak to one of the committee members (details of which can be found in the foyer in the nursery) for more information.



FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday 29th September - 11.30am to 1.30pm

This is a chance for families to bring a picnic to the nursery, get to know other parents and put some faces to names. Don't worry if the weather is inclement, in that case we will picnic inside.



COFFEE TIME!

Tuesday 2nd October - 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.



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NCT SALE

Sunday 11th November - St Crispins School

Nearer the time, as one of our fundraising initiatives, we will be requesting donations of good quality children's clothes and toys to sell at the NCT sale which raise funds not only for NCT but also Ashridge nursery at the same time. We hope to see you at the sale picking up some pre-Christmas bargains.



TWILIGHT MARKET

Wednesday 14th November

Our annual Twilight Market is happening again on 14th November from 7.30-9.30pm. This annual event is the perfect opportunity to do a spot of Christmas shopping and in the past the stalls have included books, toys, jewellery, cards, cosmetics, crafts and much more, so please do come along and friends/relatives are very welcome too. Also if anyone would like to have a stall or knows of someone who would and has suitable gifts for Christmas to sell please let us know.

For more information or to book a stall please contact Rachel Fowler: rachelfowler@ntlworld.com

THE WIDER COMMUNITY

If you are looking for something different and fun to do with the family this weekend then why not visit the Pinewood Miniature Railway?



It is open every 3rd Sunday of each Month, from April to October, so it's next Public day is this Sunday the 16th of September and it is open from 1.30pm to 4pm. At a cost of only 80p per ticket, it is a lovely family day out, so why not take a picnic and enjoy the last of the summer sunshine?

For more information visit their website at:

<http://www.pinewoodrailway.co.uk/opendays.html>



If you have any gems about other interesting and exciting places that other mums and dads may not know about and you'd like to share with others, please email me (Andrea - Keira & Chloe's mum):

andi_thomasuk@yahoo.co.uk and I will publish them in the next newsletter. Christmas ideas welcome!!

OTHER WAYS TO FUNDRAISE

If you get the **Wokingham Times**, please don't forget to cut out the coupon on page 25 and bring it in to the nursery. Fingers crossed we'll win that £200!



If you shop at Morrisons, we would be extremely grateful if you could collect the "Let's grow vouchers" that they are currently offering, and hand these in at the nursery which will be put to great use to obtain gardening resources and equipment.



If you shop online, please register with the Giving Machine: www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and nominate Ashridge Nursery as your chosen beneficiary. Then, if you go through the site every time you shop, Ashridge Nursery will receive a percentage from the company you've shopped with - and it won't cost you a penny! Everyone's a winner, as they say!

We can now accept direct donations through **Virgin Money Giving**. Please follow the link on our website: www.ashridgenursery.co.uk



Finally, 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.