

ASHRIDGE NEWS



From your Committee - November 2014

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 11th November - Coffee Morning

Wednesday 12th November - Taskforce

Thursday 13th November - Committee Meeting

Thursday 20th November - Twilight Market

Monday 24th November - School admission talk.

Thursday 4th December - Cheese & Wine Evening

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Singing

Wednesday 17th December - End of term party

5th Dec to 7th December - Festival of Trees

CHAIR CHAT

Welcome to all our new parents this term! I hope your children are settling well at Ashridge Nursery and enjoying it as much as my 3 children have. Sadly, I no longer have any children attending Ashridge as my youngest started school in September but I currently remain on the Committee.

The Nursery relies on parent volunteers joining the Committee to ensure both the smooth running of the nursery and also organise many fundraising initiatives. Without a willing Committee we would struggle to keep the nursery open and functioning so if you are interested in becoming a member, please feel free to contact me at micheleharrison7@gmail.com for more information about what we do or come along to the next meeting.

Our termly Newsletter will keep you up to date with current events that we hope you will both enjoy and participate in. The upcoming Twilight Market is a wonderful evening - do attend if you can!

Michele Harrison, Vice Chairperson

TASK FORCE NIGHTS

Wednesday 12th Nov



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 Minna (Olivia's mum) if you can help:

minna.harman@btinternet.com

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 13th Nov - 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 be able to do this. Please come to our next meeting on the 13th Nov to find out more.

Twilight Market

Our Annual Twilight market will be held on Thursday 20th November, starting at 7.30. The event will be a great way to start your Christmas shopping whilst enjoying a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine.

There has been a huge amount of work which has gone into the market, but now we would appreciate your help. Raffle tickets will be coming home with the children this week which contains 3 strips of tickets. Each strip costs £1. Please could you sell or buy these and return any money and unused tickets in the envelope provided by Friday 14th Nov.

There is also a sign-up sheet which is now on display at nursery. We are looking for people to help before, during and after the market and it would be great if everyone can help out, especially any men who may be able to help at the end of the market to help move the tables. Please sign the sheet or email the nursery if you can help.

We really hope to see you all there!

Ashridge Nursery

Twilight Market

Thursday 20th November
7.30 - 9.30pm

On the grounds of Keep Hatch School,
Ashridge Road, RG40 1PG

The perfect opportunity to do a spot of early Christmas shopping in a relaxing, festive atmosphere.

Plus a fabulous raffle!

All stalls are small, local businesses offering crafts, gifts and stocking fillers, including many items not available on the high street such as handmade Christmas decorations, cards, books and delicious cakes!

All welcome so why not come along and have a mince pie/glass of mulled wine?

Just £1 entry on the door!

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Happy School Bag Collection - Don't forget to bring you bags in by this Friday! ☺

Festival of Christmas Trees.

Ashridge nursery will be again having a tree at Rose Street Methodist Church as part of the Festival Of Trees. We have done this for many years and our tree will be decorated with decorations made by the children, this is a lovely event so please make sure you pop along and have a look.

Santa Sleigh

We will be again taking part in this years' Santa Sleigh around Wokingham and we will be looking for around 10 volunteers to help on the night. Details will follow shortly but we would really appreciate some help.

Ink Cartridges

Has your ink cartridges in your printer run out???? Then please don't throw them out!
Please bring any empty ink cartridges to the foyer, where we are collecting them.

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:

- Wokingham Charity Fireworks 8th Nov- The fun starts at 6:00pm when a torchlight procession leaves from the town centre, headed to Cantley Park, with fireworks starting at 7.30
- Keep Hatch School Christmas Fayre Saturday 29th November. 1.30-3.30 at the school. £1 entry for adults, children free - all welcome and a great way to see the school if you are thinking of school choices.
- Wokingham Winter Carnival 30th Nov - The Carnival is a FREE community event held in the town centre with entertainment for all the family
- Gruffalos Child Trail at Alice Holt - Explore the Forest on a self-led family trail with characters from the well-loved children's story - The Gruffalo's Child.
- 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 benningway@hotmail.com and I will publish them in the next newsletter.

NEWSLETTER FOR YOU...

Hello All, I'm Louise (Olivia's mummy) and I have recently taken over the being the editor of the newsletter.

I will be aiming to put together one newsletter per term, but if there is anything you would like to have included or have any suggestions of what you would like the newsletter to include, then please feel free to grab me at nursery or email me on benningway@hotmail.com

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

Please follow the on our website:

www.ashridgenursery.co.uk



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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

