



Hello and welcome to the summer term at Ashridge Nursery - especially to all our new parents. I am Kim Upex (also known as Laurens mum!), chairman of the Ashridge Nursery Parents Association (of which you are all members!)

Fund Raising

As you know Ashridge Nursery is a registered charity and we rely on fund raising events to provide the "extras" for the children. This includes such things as the Christmas party and gifts, the Easter eggs, Mothers Day gifts and the Farm that visited the nursery as well as the bikes and prams which the children like so much - all these things are only possible because of the fund raising events we hold through the year. Yes, we get the government grant and that covers costs such as wages, phone and heating bills but we need to raise funds for anything else. Please support our events in any way you can.

Our last fund raising event was a pamper evening. I had a "taster" treatment of reflexology for the first time and found it really relaxing - so much so that I had the best nights sleep I have had in weeks! Or was that the result of the glass of wine I was drinking before and after my appointment?! Whichever it was, I want to say a huge thank you to Sarah Hennell, who organised it and created such a nice relaxing atmosphere, and to the committee members who helped on the night including tidying it all away again at the end of the evening. Thank you.

Voluntary Donation

You may remember that at the end of last term we sent out a letter explaining that we are no longer charging additional fees but instead requesting a voluntary donation of £10 per term (or you can make one payment of £30 to cover the whole year if you prefer). We also said that this could be gift aided. If the gift aid form is completed we can reclaim 28p from the taxman for every pound donated. If you have mislaid this form please let someone know and we can get you a replacement. This is a great way to get the taxman to give us money for a change!

Summer Fayre

Our annual Summer Fayre will be held in the second half of this term. The original date for this was the 17th June but unfortunately many committee members are unable to make this date and so we may have to re-arrange it. We will keep you informed.

This is a wonderful social occasion not just for us but for the children too. Please bring them along (and maybe their grandparents - it is a family occasion!).

Your committee members

The committee was elected at the AGM in March and is made up of the following:-

Executive Committee

Chair - Kim Upex

Treasurer - Carole Brown

Vice-Chair - Tracey Robey

Secretary - Julie Frewin

Committee members

Tracey Boseley - Publicity Officer

Sarah Hennell - Fund Raising

Alison Smith - Fund Raising

John Hepwood - Web Co-ordinator

Helen Alderman

Els Cooper

Suzanne Czech

Theresa Hickman

Dolores Kelly

Cathy McEvoy

Kate Spooner

Deborah Tobin-Desson

If you wish to talk to us but don't know who we are please ask other mums, or the staff on the doors at the start and finish of a session to point us out.

Reminders

Please can I ask you to make sure that you shut and bolt the nursery gate when you arrive at and leave the nursery. Not only do we have the car park outside the nursery to consider but Budes Road is not that far away (and we all know how fast children can move when they want to!) as well as the traffic from the building site. For all our children, lets be safe, not sorry.

Can I also remind you that no unauthorised cars are allowed on the school site, nor are dogs or smoking. Thanks.

Fun in the Sun!

Finally! Your child has the opportunity to play outside whenever possible so please dress them accordingly. All jackets, jumpers, fleeces, cardigans should be named. As this is the summer term we hope to see some sun so please remember to apply sun cream and send your child with a named sun hat.

Thank you for reading my first newsletter and lets hope we have a good summer!

Kim Upex