



Welcome to a new term at Ashridge Nursery - especially to our new children and their families - and I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays. We hope that your time here will be a very happy one.

Ashridge Nursery is not a government run nursery, it is our nursery - your nursery. It was set up by parents and continues to be run by parents via the Parents Association (of which you are all members). Joining a committee is not for everyone, I know, but if you are interested in joining the committee (or just want to find out more about it) please talk to one of us (the staff will point us out or leave a note for me with your name and telephone number). You can also help in other ways such as washing towels (see the form on the notice board), helping at fund raising events, buying raffle tickets or simply coming along and supporting our fund raising efforts.

## **Summer Fayre**

Back in June we organised a Summer Fayre and I am pleased to be able to tell you all that it raised the sum of £1045 which will go towards purchasing the additional toys and equipment which would otherwise be outside our budget.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in organising, setting up and manning the stalls on the big day. Please extend this thanks to all the dads, grandparents and anyone else who helped.

My thanks also to all those who came and supported us on the day.

## **Twilight Market**

We will once again be organising a Twilight Market this term. For those of you who have not experienced this before it is a very nice evening held in the Nursery and gives you a chance to enjoy a glass of wine (or soft drink) and do a spot of shopping (maybe for Christmas or just to spoil yourself!) from the varied selection on offer. In the past the stalls have included Usborne books, jewellery, handbags and toys among others. This will take place in November and we will let you know the actual date as soon as possible.

## **Voluntary Donation**

Last term we began to ask for a voluntary donation of £10 per term (or one payment of £30 to cover the whole year if you prefer). This donation can be gift aided (please ask for a form if you have not already completed one) which allows us to claim the tax back from the taxman. Please place your donation in an envelope with your child's name on it (so that we can check if it is gift aided) and either place in the fees box or give to a member of staff. Thank you.

### **And finally!**

The children go outside whenever possible so please bring a suitable coat (named please!) for them.

Please close and fasten the gate when entering and leaving the nursery

No unauthorised cars are allowed on to the school site.

Neither dogs or smoking are allowed on the school site

All pushchairs and prams should be left outside the nursery building

Please give the staff a chance to open both doors before entering the nursery

Thank you for your co-operation on the above matters and thank you for reading this letter through to the end! I hope this term is a good one for all of us.

Kim Upex  
Chairman