



## PFSU and DVN Newsletter – January 2014

Happy New Year! We hope you had a happy Christmas holiday and that Santa brought you everything you were hoping for.

### INFORMATION



May we take this opportunity to remind you of our policy regarding closure due to inclement weather. In most cases we will remain in line with Deddington Primary School, so if you hear that the school is closed then it is safe to assume that the PFSU and Nursery will remain closed as well. Closures will be announced on Radio Oxford, Fox FM and the school website. We will also place a message on our own website. If you are in any doubt about whether we will be open then please call us before making that journey, and stay safe.

The PFSU would welcome any donations of old T-shirts ( adult-sized ) to use as painting overalls. Thank you!

As those winter bugs bite please may we remind you that children should be kept at home if they are ill, and for at least 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea, even if they seem better. This will help to ensure that sickness does not spread throughout the PFSU and Nursery.

Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for going outside in all weathers, as we are reluctant to let snow or rain spoil the children's fun! As well as coming to the PFSU or Nursery in warm waterproof clothing we ask that children have a pair of wellies with them at all times. These can be kept at school or brought with them each day. It also helps us if children wear shoes that they can put on and take off by themselves. All items need to be named.



Please remember to bring a water bottle ( not squash ) to pre-school or Nursery for your child as we like them to have access to fresh drinking water at all times. This has been proven to enhance their concentration and learning. The water bottle should be taken home each evening for cleaning and re-filling, or alternatively you can do this when you arrive at pre-school.

And finally...please can you ensure that grapes and cherry tomatoes provided in lunch-boxes are chopped in half. We also do not allow nuts ( including peanut butter ) in lunch-boxes. This is part of our health and safety policy and designed to avoid the possibility of a child choking, and to ensure the safety of children with nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## NURSERY NEWS

Nursery children and their parents enjoyed another wonderful 'Journey to Bethlehem' at the end of last term. The rooms were transformed into a meadow and heaven, the Fox Inn and a nomad's tent. Outside in the garden they followed a star along a pathway which led to a nativity tableau. All children and their parents had learnt the story of The Little Donkey which we all recited together and we then sang some Christmas songs.

We would like to thank all of you who made this possible by lending items to dress the room. Special thanks to Janet Bird for her help on Thursday night, our 'fairy Godmother' Linda Milton Dump, who provided so many interesting textiles and to Mr and Mrs Hodge for the wonderful Christmas props and the fantastic artificial turf. Their generosity enabled the staff to make this year's journey even more spectacular than last year.

We have already been asked about the procedure for 3-year-olds moving up to the PFSU in September. This is an automatic process and you will be contacted around Easter time to confirm whether you would like a place and what sessions you may require. There will be an opportunity in the summer for you and your child to visit the PFSU but if you would like to visit before making up your mind then please contact us.



## PFSU NEWS

We welcome James, Khloe, Grace and Hannah to the PFSU this term. We hope you settle in quickly, make lots of friends and have loads of fun!

Thank you for all your Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes. They were much appreciated.

This term our theme is 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We will also be finding out about Chinese New Year. We hope to have visits from a number of real animals so if you have a friendly pet that you could bring in to meet us, we'd love to hear from you.



Thank you to all of you who supported our Christmas production 'Prickly Hay'. It was lovely to see the church so full, and I'm sure you'll agree that the children sang and danced brilliantly. We were also delighted that so many of you could join us for our Decorations Days.

Don't forget that the PFSU have a mini lending library from which you and your children can borrow a range of books. Look out for the box near the main door and please feel free to borrow from it. Sharing books with your children at home is one of the best ways that you can support their learning.

Please can you ensure that you sign your child in when they arrive at pre-school as it is important that we have an accurate record of which children are on the premises. If your child is being dropped off by another adult then please can you ensure that they are aware of this. The staff will sign your child out when they leave. Please ask if you are not sure where to find the register.

## FUND-RAISING NEWS

Our Christmas Fayre and Pamper Night was a big success with almost £1500 being raised for the Nursery and PFSU. It was lovely to see so many people there and getting into the Christmas spirit. We hoped you managed to fill those Christmas stockings as well. Thankyou to everyone who helped, to Deddington Church for letting us use their beautiful building, Deddington Brass for their seasonal music, the Co-Op for our mince pie voucher and Hamptons for their wine donation.

We will be holding a quiz night in the British Legion Club on High Street on Friday 31st January at 7.30pm, jointly with the school PTA. Tickets are £6 per person and teams a maximum of 6 people. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Jumble Sale – If you are inundated with unwanted Christmas gifts and kids clothes that are too small - then don't worry! On Saturday March 1st we will be holding our annual jumble sale in the Deddington Church. All donations will be very welcome. Start saving now!

## DIARY DATES

- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 7.30pm – PFSU and Nursery Quiz Night at the British Legion
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Jumble Sale
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 – offers of school places for September 2014 are made

## CONTACTS

### Staff:

Rachel O'Connell – PFSU Manager  
Jacqui Moulder - Nursery Manager  
Gina Halliburton – PFSU / DVN Operations Manager  
Lucy Squires – PFSU Deputy Manager  
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Emma Ponton – PFSU Senior Early Years Practitioner  
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Jane Rickard – Early Years Assistant ( Nursery )

### Committee:

Kate Oldroyd (Chair)  
Lisa Styles ( Treasurer )  
Bev Hamblet-Bowes ( Company Secretary )  
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Any matters concerning places, sessions or payments please speak to Gina. Invoice payments not made by the due date will incur a £20 late payment fee. Please remember there is a late pick-up charge.

Don't forget to look at our website: [Deddingtonnurseryandpfsu.co.uk](http://Deddingtonnurseryandpfsu.co.uk)  
Plus, find Deddington Village Nursery and PFSU on Facebook!