



PFSU and DVN Newsletter – September 2014

Welcome back after the summer holiday, and a particularly big welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this term.

Our **PFSU and Nursery AGM** will be held at the Nursery on Wednesday 22nd October at 7.45pm for an 8pm prompt start. Drinks will be available! It is vitally important that as many families as possible attend this meeting so please put the date in your diaries. We are a parent managed setting and need the support of the membership (parents) to make decisions and elect a new committee. Please come along and find out more about how we work and how you can get involved.

Holiday club ran over the summer holiday and was a huge success. The children had lots of fun taking part in a wide range of fun activities

We have lots of new and 2nd-hand PFSU and Nursery **uniform** for sale. All proceeds go to our funds. Please ask if you would be interested in seeing what is available.

** Reminders **

- Grapes and cherry tomatoes in lunch boxes need to be cut up. This is part of our health and safety policy in order to reduce the possibility of a child choking.
- Please remember to **sign your child in** when they arrive at the PFSU or Nursery in order that we have an accurate record of who is on the premises. Do ask us if you have not yet located the register. The staff will sign the children out when they leave.
- Your child will have been allocated a **key person** for this year. Please ask us if you are not sure who this is. This member of staff will keep a special look out for your child and is primarily responsible for assessing their progress during their time with us. Please ask them if you wish to see the profile we keep for your child or if you have any issues you wish to discuss.
- **Ad hoc hours** often available at the PFSU and Nursery. Please talk to any member of staff if you would be interested in extra hours for your child. Any extra hours or sessions taken will be added to the following term's invoice.
- **Please bring in and collect your child** at the times you have requested. Our staffing levels are based on the number of children attending at any one time and we are not able to accommodate children outside their booked times unless previously arranged, as this could take us out of our legal staffing ratios. If you feel that your chosen hours are not working for you and need amending please contact Gina at the e-mail address at the end of this newsletter.
- All items brought into the settings should be clearly **labelled with your child's name**.
- In the event that your child suffers a bout of **sickness and diarrhoea**, please wait 48 hours before bring them back to nursery/PFSU. Please support us in stopping those bugs in their tracks!

We welcome parent helpers at the settings as this gives the children additional adult input and support, lets you see what goes on, and gives your child the chance to introduce you to their friends and activities. Please ask the staff if you would like to come in at any time. We will be happy to explain anything you need to know and we are all very friendly! On a similar note, we always love to involve parents in our activities, so if you have a particular interest, job or skill that might be of interest to the children please make yourself known to us.

NURSERY NEWS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the children who have joined us this term. We are delighted that they are all settling in so well.

We have lots of exciting plans for this term. Dates will follow soon.

FUND-RAISING NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Movie Party night back in July. We all had a fantastic night, whilst raising vital funds for the Nursery and PFSU. Our busy year of fundraising included the Christmas Pamper Evening, Jumble Sale, Easter Hamper, Quiz Nights, Wolf Run, Four Farms Challenge, Gruffalo Treasure Hunt and the Summer Party Night. Through these events our fundraising total for the year exceeded £7,000. Thank-you to the fundraising team, staff and of course everyone who supported our events.

As both settings are not-for-profit charitable organisations, every penny raised makes a massive difference to running and maintaining the settings. We are looking for new people who would like to get involved this year. Please let us know if you might be interested.

PFSU NEWS

Our topic this term is 'All About Me' and we will be talking about ourselves, where we live, our families and our new Pre-School. During the term we will be gradually introducing the children to the new routines at the PFSU such as hall time, group time, circle time, library visits and show and tell. A summary of our plans for each week is always on the board outside for you to see and we will also e-mail these to you each week. Our full plans are on the parent's notice board if you are interested.

We will be holding a parent's meeting for PFSU parents at the PFSU on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm. During the evening we will be explaining the profiles that we keep for your child, and introducing you to our approaches to the teaching of phonics and numeracy. There will also be the opportunity for an informal chat with staff about how your child is settling in, and the chance to ask any questions you may have.

Don't miss our F2 library box by the front door. You are welcome to borrow a book from this to take home.

The time for PFSU children to make applications for primary school places is NOW. You can apply any time from 12th September 2014 until the closing date of 15th January 2015. The easiest way to apply is on-line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Offers of school places will be made on 16th April 2015.

DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 14th October:** PFSU Parent's Evening, 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the PFSU.
- **Wednesday 22nd October 2014:** Deddington PFSU and Deddington Village Nursery AGM, 7.45pm for an 8pm prompt start, at the nursery.
- **Tuesday 2nd December 2014:** Deddington PFSU and Nursery Christmas Fayre
- **Thursday 15th January 2015:** closing date for school applications for PFSU children
- **Thursday 16th April 2015:** offers of school places for September 2015 are made

CONTACTS

Staff:

Rachel O'Connell – PFSU Manager
Jacqui Moulder - Nursery Manager
Gina Halliburton – PFSU / DVN Operations Manager
Lucy Squires – PFSU Deputy Manager
Jo Bull – Nursery Deputy Manager
Hazel Neal – Early Years Assistant (PFSU)
Jane Rickard – Early Years Assistant (PFSU)
Liza Staples - Early Years Practitioner (Nursery)

Kate Oldroyd (Chair)
Lisa Styles (Treasurer)
Bev Hamblet-Bowes (Company Secretary)
Sam Brown, Melanie Butler, Rachel Carr, Jack Dent, Fliss East, Rachel Gruber, Paul Onions, Juliet Owens, Mandy Yates,

We are looking for new Committee members to join us this term. Please speak to Lisa Styles, Kate Oldroyd or any member of staff if you are interested.

Contact telephone Numbers:

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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: www.deddingtonnurseryandpfsu.co.uk
Plus, find Deddington Village Nursery and PFSU on Facebook!

