



Summer Term Newsletter – April 2013

(This is our first combined Nursery and PFSU newsletter – hope you like the new format!)

This term we welcome Liza to the staff team. Liza will be working at the PFSU on Thursdays and at the Nursery the rest of the week. She comes to us with a wealth of experience as an Early Years Practitioner. We also welcome back Florence after having her baby son. She will be working with us while she completes her level 3 early years qualification. Florence will be at Nursery on Mondays and at the PFSU on Tuesdays. We say farewell to Keary and wish her well with her future plans.

Our Easter holiday clubs were well supported with the children enjoying lots of activities on a 'Spring' theme. We are currently planning our Summer holiday clubs and welcome any feedback on the Easter clubs which we could incorporate into the summer clubs.

NURSERY NEWS

This term the Nursery children will be finding out about the sea. We also plan to spend lots of time outside.

During this term we will be managing the transition from nursery to pre-school (the PFSU), for those children who will have turned three before 31st August 2013.

We will be arranging:

- Open-afternoons at the PFSU, providing parents with an opportunity to have a look round and meet the staff.
- A 'move-up' afternoon for the children to spend time in the PFSU.
- Staff swaps; PFSU staff will be spending time at the nursery so that the staff and children get to know each other.
- Nursery group visits to the PFSU

Forms to complete to tell us if you would like your child to attend the PFSU and, if so, the hours that you would like them to attend, will be available before the end of April.

We will also be asking parents of those children remaining at the nursery to confirm the hours they would like from September.

PFSU NEWS

We were pleased to support 'Comic Relief' last term and thanks to all those who dressed up as princesses and superheroes. We were able to add £26 to the School's donation.

This term the PFSU children will be learning about 'The World Around Us'. Our plans include watching caterpillars turn into butterflies, mini-beast hunts, feeding the birds and receiving postcards from around the world.

The PFSU will be holding a parent's evening in May (see 'Diary Dates' for more information). This informal evening is your opportunity to view your child's profile and to discuss their progress with your child's key-worker. If you are unable to attend on this date please let us know.

Please can anyone donate plants and seeds to make our garden look lovely? We also need donations of polystyrene pizza bases (to use for developing threading skills).

THANK-YOU!

- **Everyone** who helped to make the Jumble Sale run so smoothly. You all did absolutely amazing jobs at advertising, baking, moving, sorting, cleaning, printing, laminating, tidying, face-painting, 'tombola-ing', bucket shaking and selling. We raised £1301.83!
- **Neil Skinner** for arranging the Go Karting event at Formula Fast. £863 was raised for our settings.
- **Veronique and Danielle Semple** for their generous donations to Nursery.
- **James Greenwood** for letting us visit the bike shop and also for mending our bikes.
- **Annabel and Keri Barnard** for coming in to the PFSU to tell us all about life in South Africa.

DIARY DATES

- **Thursday 25th April** - Quiz night, at the British Legion, Deddington, doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry £5 on the door.
- **Monday 6th May** – Bank Holiday (both the nursery and PFSU will be closed)
- **Wednesday 15th May** - 7-9pm – PFSU parent's evening. No need to book an appointment, just drop in!
- **Tuesday and Wednesday 21st and 22nd May** – am – Ian Taylor visits PFSU and Nursery to take informal photographs of the children, which you will have the option to buy.
- **27th to 31st May 2013** – late Spring Holiday (both the nursery and PFSU will be closed)
- **Friday 21st June**, 11am - PFSU and Nursery Sports Day on Deddington Primary School field, followed by a picnic in the PFSU garden,
- **Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July** - 3.30 to 4.30pm – PFSU open afternoons for new and prospective parents
- **Saturday 13th July** – Summer fund-raising event – Swinging Sixties. Please speak to Sam Brown (or any committee member) if you would like to help with the organisation of this big event.
- **Monday 22nd July** – Last day of summer term. We plan to close at 2.00 pm on this day.
- **Weeks beginning 29th July, 5th and 12th August 2013** Summer Holiday Club
- **Wednesday 4th September 2013 – 2013/14 Autumn term starts**

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
Valerie Cavallaro – Early Years Practitioner (PFSU)
Lauren Parkinson - Early Years Assistant (PFSU)
Jane Rickard – Early Years Assistant (Nursery)
Florence Spencer – Early Years Practitioner
Liza Staples - Early Years Practitioner

Committee:

Kate Oldroyd (Chair)
Alex Elvin (Treasurer)
Bev Hamblet-Bowes (Secretary)
Sam Brown, Paul Onions, Rachel Gruber, Emma Noon,
Juliet Owens, Rachel Carr, Sharon Greenwood, Catarina
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We will be looking for new Committee members to join us next year, please speak to Kate Oldroyd if you are interested.

REMINDERS

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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

Plus, find Deddington Village Nursery and PFSU on Facebook!