

SUMMER 2016

NEWSLETTER



End of Term

As we head towards the much needed summer break I would like to thank all of the Staff, Committee, Parents/Carers and Children for their part in the last successful year at Little Acorns. Even though I am moving onto my next chapter Little Acorns will always have a special place in my heart and I know that you will welcome and support Lucie as she takes on her new role with you.

Have an enjoyable and restful break,

Kind Regards

Jenny

Fundraising

Over the past year we have held some great fundraising events and all of your support is greatly appreciated. Our recent fundraising events have been a huge success. The Spring Fair raised a fantastic £1621.48 and the fabulous Bond Night £1900. With such great support from committed parents Little Acorns continues to grow each year.

We thought you would like to know where some of the money has gone:

- 2 iPads and 2 build which has enabled the team to post such amusing and informative clips of the children throughout the day
- We have purchased a new printer/copier - which is essential for the team
- New home corner

The development of the outside space is currently on hold as Kelsey Hall need to carry out some works on the flooring.

New Starters to Little Acorns

This term welcomed:

Ophelia Swart
Max Vasadi
Abbie Marsh
Martha Lewsley
Jack Smith
Nell Cox

Staff News

This term we also welcome three new members of staff:

Claire Jaggan
Racheal Daly
Sarah Copus

Leavers

This term we say goodbye to:

Indio Kidd
Sienna Badger
Kai Lane
Elsie Garbett
Matilda Cox
Max Vasadi
Alexia Harden-Fernandez
Skyla Harris
Max Gilbertson
William Redman

We wish them every happiness as they move onto their new schools.

Summer 2016 Newsletter



Committee News

Each year we see the arrival of new parents and the departure of others. This means that there will be some changes to the committee. The committee will be made up of the following:

Sophie Walker will become the new Chair
Emma Pearce will support Sophie as Vice Chair
Caroline Cox will be the Secretary
Faye Millard will take over Communications
Jenny Lewsley will take over website

Other committee members are Emma Shotter and Michelle Walker.

We would love to welcome more parents to the committee and if you feel you would like to join then please speak to any of the committee. The position of treasurer is still available, so any volunteers would be welcome!

To our outgoing committee members Naomi Garbett and Lucy Badger we would like to say a big thank you for your valuable support and hard work.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

A big thank you to everyone for collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, we have an amazing 3,527 in total!

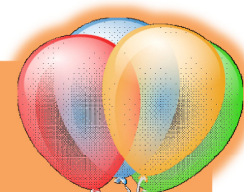


Sainsbury's
Active Kids
Eat well • Move well • Live well

All of your efforts mean in October Little Acorns will receive the following equipment:

- Colour and shape mats – multi coloured mats with different shapes to recognise
- Freestanding floor basketball ring
- Gamester perforated balls
- A foam rugby ball
- A nobbly wobbly ball
- Hedgehog stones – soft textured stepping stones
- A £15 ingredients card for future baking and cooking

Well done!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children celebrating birthdays this term...

- *April:* Ivy Sque, Ivy Leete, Alexia Harden-Fernandez, Skyla Harris
- *May:* Eleanor Millard, Max Gilbertson
- *June:* William Redman, Sarah Butt
- *July:* Hattie Walker, Isla Shotter
- *August:* Luke Relf, Martha Lewsley

Summer Holiday Play Dates

Please join us for a summer holiday get together at Plaistow playground on Wednesday 3rd August at 2pm and Wednesday 24th August at 2pm.

Coffee Morning

Parents/Carers, please join us for a coffee morning on Friday 30th September and help raise money for Macmillian. Times and location to be confirmed nearer the time

Save the date

Our next fundraising event, an 80's night, is planned for Saturday 15th October.

Details to follow!

"From  grow happy children"

Summer 2016 Newsletter



Ofsted

Thank you all for your recent support during our Ofsted inspection. We received a "Good" which is great news. New criteria came into effect in September 2015 so all pre-schools who were inspected before this date were assessed based on the old criteria. Jenny and the team have been working very hard over the past months to ensure that we have robust systems in place to meet both the criteria for Ofsted as well as providing an excellent setting for our little ones.

Many congratulations Jenny and the team for all that they have done over the past months to continue to shape and evolve Little Acorns without such a great team of people our children wouldn't have such lovely days at Little Acorns.

2016 – 2017 Term Dates

Academic Year 2016-2017

Monday 5th September – Friday 21st October Autumn term
Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October Half term
Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December 2nd half Autumn term
Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January Christmas break
Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 17th February Spring term
Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February Half term
Monday 27th February – Friday 7th April 2nd half Spring term
Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April Easter break
Monday 24th April – Friday 26th May Summer term
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June Half term
Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July 2nd half Summer term

Inset Days Progress Reviews

Monday 21st November 2016
Friday 24th March 2017
Monday July 10th 2017

A Special Thanks and Goodbye

As you are all aware we are losing a very valuable member of Little Acorns at the end of this term. Jenny will be moving on and we are sure this was not an easy decision. For Little Acorns this is obviously sad news but equally we have been rewarded with Jenny's hard work and dedication.

From the Committee, Staff and Parents we wish you the very best of luck Jenny, Thank you!

"From  grow happy children"