



Welcome back, we hope you've all had a happy, restful Easter break.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in our Book Week activities last term. It was great fun and the children really enjoyed, as did the staff, the stories that you shared with us. All events are logged for posterity in our group photo book, so please take a look.

Also a big **THANK YOU** for all the hard work and dedication that made the Easter Fair a happy and successful event. Fund raising is vital for groups like ourselves as it enables us to provide equipment and materials to facilitate quality learning experiences.

This term we are looking at sounds and numbers on our Interest Table, please share these with us. As always, updates will be posted on our white board and the staff are always available to discuss any cares, concerns and celebrations you may have regarding your child and Little Acorns.

Jenny and Team

Easter Fair 2015 - What an Eggstravaganza!



This year's Easter Fair was another great success, thanks to the support of parents, staff and local businesses. Donations came flooding in, which allowed us to run the traditional stalls as well as another great auction and raffle. New for this year we had Cameron's mum, Ali, painting the children's nails and Mandy of Firing Earth kindly ran a craft stall. The Gingerbread decorating stall and the ever-popular face painting stall (well done to Hattie and Laura for their marathon efforts!) had a constant stream of young customers and for the second year running the cake stall made British Bake Off mere amateur. The Easter Bonnet Parade just gets better every year: the children modelled some amazing creations. Not only was it a fun family day, but we raised **£1,700.00** which will be used to improve our outdoor area, so watch this space! Once again, thank you for all your donations of cakes, lucky cups, chocolate and toys; for helping with the preparations and for manning the stalls on the day. The fair could not happen without everyone's hard work and commitment. Well done and thank you to all involved.

New Starter

A big welcome to **Willow Ansell**, who joins us this term.

Happy Birthday!

The following children are celebrating birthdays this term...

April: Tommy (4), Samuel (4), Alexia (3)
May: Lily (4), Bella (4), Max (3)
June: Sam O (4), William (3)
July: Dexter (4)
August: Dylan (4), Hannah L (4), Isla (4), Kyle (4)

Nativity DVD

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for their copy of the 2014 Nativity DVD. We hope you enjoyed watching it and thanks again to the Finch family for organising the footage and producing the DVDs. It was an effective mini-fundraiser with **£93** raised. Jenny is planning to buy some phonics software and speakers for the pre-school computer.

If you would like any of the pictures from the slideshow please email emmapearce@me.com.

Spread the Word!

We are currently taking registrations for children wishing to join Little Acorns from September onwards. If you know anyone with children coming up to pre-school age, please let them know. If you would like to pass on a prospectus please just ask a staff or committee member for a copy.

Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you for all your Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. We have so far received **3250** vouchers. Please dig out any more and bring them in before **23 May**. Let's hit that 3,500 target!

Easy Fundraising

Don't forget to make online purchases through www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/littleacornsifold. This is a cost-free way of raising money for your pre-school.



www.littleacornsifold.co.uk



Summer 2015 Newsletter

What's Happening this Term?



INSET Days

Please note - Little Acorns will be closed on **Monday 1 June** and **Friday 3 July** for INSET days (staff training).



Transition To School

During this term we plan lots of activities to prepare the children for school, such as PE lessons to help them practise getting changed on their own. As well as planned dates for the children to visit their 'big school', the local Reception class teachers will also visit Little Acorns. If your child is due to go to Plaistow & Kirdford Primary School, you should have received a letter inviting you and your child to a 'Chat and Chill' session on **Wednesday 3 June** with the Reception class teacher from **9.15-10.15am**. This is a good opportunity for parents to meet the teacher and enjoy a cuppa whilst the children play.

Group Leavers' Photo

Photographer Kathryn Craig will be coming in to take a group shot of the children who will be moving on to school in September. Photos will then be available for you to purchase. We will let you know the date as soon as it is confirmed.

End of Year Party!



On **Wednesday 22 July** (last day of term) there will be a party for all Little Acorns children, including those who do not usually attend on a Wednesday. This will be a really fun event, with a bouncy castle, ice cream bar and party games to keep the children entertained. More details to follow.

Picnic at Plaistow Park and Summer Meet Ups

Last year, on the last day of the Summer term, we had an informal picnic for parents and children at Plaistow Park. Everyone had a lovely time and we thought it would be a good idea to do the same after the end of year party on **Wednesday 22 July**.

We are also planning to organise some meet ups throughout the summer holidays for existing and new families. This will give the children the opportunity to stay in touch over the summer break. We will let you know the dates and locations nearer the time.

Diary Dates

Saturday 16 May

Mon 18 May, 9:45am

Mon 25 - Fri 29 May

Monday 1 June

Wednesday 3 June,
9:15-10:15am

Date TBC

Tues 16 & Thurs 18 June

June (Date/venue TBC)

Friday 3 July

Tuesday 21 July

Wednesday 22 July

- Let's Celebrate Ifold day
- Coffee morning @ Naomi B's
- Half term
- INSET Day (Pre-school closed)
- Chat & Chill @ Plaistow & Kirdford Primary School
- Leavers' Photo
- Big Clean
- Summer BBQ
- INSET Day (Pre-school closed)
- Leavers sports afternoon
- Last day of term: Party & picnic!

Bring on the Sunshine!

As the weather becomes warmer, please could you send in your children with sun hats and sensible shoes for playing outside (i.e. no flip flops!), as well as a change of clothes, so they can play and learn safely. Don't forget to apply sun cream (we can re-apply if necessary). If your child is staying for lunch, please ensure you include an ice pack in their lunchbox.

Social Events

We have a couple of upcoming social events this term: a coffee morning on **Monday 18 May** at Naomi B's house after drop-off and a summer BBQ in **June**, details to follow.

Let's Celebrate Ifold

Little Acorns will be performing a Rhyme-a-long at **2.30pm** on **Saturday 16 May** at the 'Let's Celebrate Ifold' event at Kelsey Hall. Please let Jenny know if your child is able to join in. We will also be running an activity - if you are able to help for half an hour this would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up on the rota.

Big Clean

We are planning to have our annual 'Big Clean' outside Pre-school on **Tuesday 16 & Thursday 18 June** to clean mats, shampoo rugs and clean toys/equipment. If you are able to help for an hour or two this would be greatly appreciated. A helpers list will be put up soon - please sign up if you can. If you are unable to come along but would like to help, you could take items home to wash. Many hands make light work!

Late Payment Fee

We have had a number of outstanding invoice payments which has led to an addition to our fees policy: Little Acorns Pre-school reserves the right to charge a late payment fee of 2.5% of the invoice total, if payment is not received by the start of the following term.