



Happy Faces Playgroup

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Newsletter

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It's that sad but exciting time of year again when we have to say a fond farewell to our children who will be leaving us for big school. We wish Lara Bassom, Daisy Bastion, Aliya Briggs, Polly Buchan, Adam Buchanan, Freya Carden, Harley Claughton, Lilliana Cole, Charlotte Gent, Alice & Lucy Hill, Tyler Hudson, Lucy Jenkin, Julide Jolliffe, Noah Jones, Ellie Lyon, Lucas Macmaster, Boo MacNair, Eleanor Moore, Jack Parker, Albert Perry, Griff Pretsell, Gabriel Quinion, Amy Skitt, Jamie Smart, Eve Somerville, Lucy Sullivan, Aleya Sung, Amber Sutherland, John Thornton, Ashton Turner, Romilly Turpin, Emily Wickens, Anouk Woodhouse and Faye Wootton lots of fun at school. Please come back and visit your friends at Happy Faces Playgroup soon, we'd love to know how you're getting on.

End of Term Party



This year's end of term party will be on Friday 22nd July in the Main Hall from 10am – Middy. It would be great if all the children were able to attend. There will be prizes for the best fancy dress outfit.



As well as having to say goodbye to all the children leaving for school we are also having to say a very sad farewell to both Lorraine Russell and Heather Symons. They have both been a huge asset to the team over their long service and it is with regret that we are having to say goodbye. We do however wish you all the very best of luck in your new ventures.

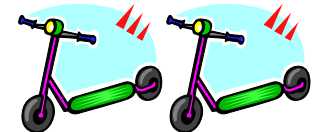
We are pleased to announce that improvements have been planned for the playgroup garden. A larger concrete area will be provided for the ride on toys, along with a shaded area and an allotment area for the children to grow some veggies. We're sure the children will have lots on fun in the new garden.



The Bramley School Fete is this Saturday (16th July) and we need your donations of good quality books to sell at the Happy Faces Playgroup Stall. Please bring your books into playgroup and come along to support both Happy Faces and Bramley School on Saturday.

Over the past few years we have managed to keep the hourly rate at £3.80, but from September the hourly rate will be increased by 5p to £3.85. We have tried to keep the increase to the absolute minimum.

We hope you all had fun at this week's visit to Ufton Court and at the children's disco at the Four Horseshoes last Sunday. Thank you to Bopping Parties for providing the entertainment.



Please can we remind all parents and carers not to leave scooters or bikes outside of the Liddell Hall. If you do need to leave them at playgroup then please can you give them to a member of staff so that they can be stored safely and neatly out of the way of other hall users.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

YOUR PLAYGROUP CAN'T RUN WITHOUT YOU!!

Many of the current committee will be standing down in September due to their children starting school. The Playgroup cannot run without a Parents Management Committee, so your Playgroup really does need you. The AGM date has been set for Thursday 29th September at 8pm in the Liddell Hall. If you'd like to be a member of next year's Committee then please come along to the meeting (further details will follow in the Autumn term). If you'd like to know more about being on the Committee then please speak to one of us, if you're not sure who we are then Peggy will point you in the right direction.



A BIG THANK YOU goes to all the Committee, Parents and Staff for your continued support and efforts over the past year at our fundraising events. We're pleased to announce that we've managed to raise in excess of one thousand five hundred pounds (the final amount is still being finalised). We have managed to purchase lots of new equipment including two new computers, new drawer units and screens, sand and water tables, a Hoover, wellie-boot stands, a dolls cradle, high chair and house, a giant balance set, an outdoor mat and music stand, a gazebo, remote control cars, a talking tubes set and number lines. Please continue to support the Happy Faces fundraising events as the funds help to guarantee the high standard of care the playgroup provides for our children.



This year we managed to collect in the region of 4,400 Tesco Computer for Schools Vouchers. We've ordered two mats (one number and one letters), a rhyming bag which will be full of fun characters to help the children with their letters and sounds and some resources for the sticking table. We should receive our order during the Autumn Term. Thank you for passing on all your vouchers to the Playgroup.

We hope you all enjoy the summer holidays and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5th September.

For those of you returning next term, attached you will find a copy of the term dates for the next academic year.

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