

14th July 2009

Dear Parents

We have nearly reached the end of another busy year. This term we say goodbye to Owen, Christina, Madison, Abbie, Zak, Joshua, Alexander, Chrissie, Charlie, Jessica, Noah, Alif, Eve, Sam, Jamie, Oliver, Amelia, Riley, Olivia M, Ioan, Olivia C, Abi, Ace, Dylan, Scott, Jake, Brook, Elisa, Jake, Hayley, Ashley, Lawson, George, Ellen, Szymon, Erin, Kirsty, Jake, Amber, Jenson. Thank you to all the parents and friends who have helped us in nursery over the past year. A particular thank you to Taylor's daddy, Dean, who came in and demonstrated African drumming last week.

NEW STAFF

From September we welcome Kate Placentino as our new teacher on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Karen Russell as our new morning Nursery Nurse, Gemma Souch as our afternoon Nursery Nurse and Heather Ross as our new Teaching Assistant. Joanne will provide Nursery Nurse cover for Claire Louise's maternity leave.

SWINE FLU

The school receives regular updates from the local authority in relation to swine flu. The latest information is displayed in the entrance hall. If your child develops any flu like symptoms please keep them at home and contact your doctor.

ADDITIONAL HOURS

If you have not returned your forms requesting additional hours please will you do so by the end of term. The extra session will start after all the new children have settled. If you do not return your form we will choose a session for your child. Details of the day your child will have an extra session will be sent out at the start of next term.

SUMMER FUN DAY

A great day was had on our Summer Fun Day. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped especially Joanne who did a great job of co-ordinating the planning for it. We raised a fantastic £800. We are buying a new guinea pig hutch and run and new outdoor play equipment with some of the proceeds.



CHAMELEON CLUB

The Chameleon Club is running for the first four weeks of the school holiday at Willowcroft School. Places are filling up fast, please see Kate if you would like to book any sessions. A reminder also to ask if you would like to use Pathfinder Funding to pay for some sessions. This money can also be claimed to pay for sports sessions or outings, time is running out so talk to your group leader today!



OXFORDSHIRE ART WEEKS

A big thank you also to Oxfordshire Art Weeks who funded our artist in residence Emma Reynard through the kids4art scheme. We are delighted with our fantastic flag which Emma created with the children. We all learnt new skills and techniques and look forward to planning further group creative projects.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please ensure that all library books are returned before the holidays. We do not loan books during the holidays but Didcot Library will be open.



DATES

A reminder that the last afternoon session is this Thursday. School closes at 12.30 on Friday.

| Date | Event |
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| Fri 17 th July | Last day of term 6 Nursery closes at 12.30 |
| Thurs 3 rd Sept | First day of term 1 2009/10 |
| Weds 21 st Oct | Last day of term 1 |
| Mon 2 nd Nov | First day of term 2 |
| Fri 18 th Dec | Last day of term 2 |
| Tues 5 th Jan | First day of term 3 |
| Fri 12 th Feb | Last day of term 3 |
| Mon 22 nd Feb | First day of term 4 |
| Thurs 1 st April | Last day of term 4 |
| Tues 20 th April | First day of term 5 |
| Mon 3 rd May | Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed |
| Fri 28 th May | Last day of term 5 |
| Mon 7 th June | First day of term 6 |
| Thurs 22 nd July | Last day of term 6 |

DIDCOT POWER STATION GRANT

We are really grateful to Didcot Power Station who awarded us £500 to help develop our fruit and vegetable garden. We now have 4 fruit trees and the children have enjoyed a range of fruit and vegetables they have grown. We are looking forward to pumpkins when we return in September.



GROUPS FOR NEXT TERM

The list of groups and group leaders is now displayed in the entrance hall. Gemma will be supporting Joanna with her afternoon group. Joanne will now take Joanna's morning group. Heather will help Janet with her new afternoon group and Karen will share Janet's morning group. Sally and Claire Louise will share the care of one full time group and Julie will take the other full time group. Chat to your child's group leader if you have any questions about this.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is entitled to free school meals please give evidence of your benefits to the office staff and fill in the necessary form. Meals will have to be paid for until this is seen. If you want a reminder of the lunch time procedure please ask at the office for a copy.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Helen who successfully passed her NVQ3 in Childcare and Education.

We wish you all an enjoyable and healthy summer holiday.

Claire White
Headteacher