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## **Pre-School Newsletter**

### **Welcome to all**

The Staff and Committee would like to take this opportunity in welcoming everyone back to Banwell Buddies. For all those returning back to the Pre-School, we hope you all had a fantastic summer break, and look forward to hearing about it all.

For those new to the Pre-School, we hope you too had a fantastic summer break, and that you enjoy your time at Pre-School. We the Staff and Committee will endeavour to ensure you enjoy every minute of your time with us.

### **THE NEWSLETTER**

For those of you who are new to pre-school this is our newsletter, the editor is Gareth Thomas who is also the current Vice Chair. Please take the time to read your child's newsletter, as they contain vital information concerning the group. Newsletters are produced regularly and the majority of information will be communicated in this way. Each newsletter has a calendar displaying the activities for the month ahead and scheduled events. We also have an electronic mailing list in operation, this was set up to help cut down the amount of paper Banwell Buddies uses. If you would prefer to receive your newsletter via email please take the time to fill out the slip below and pass it onto Wendy or myself. Copies of recent newsletters are readily available on the parents notice-board or online via our website, so at no stage should you not be able to get a copy.

### **Banwell Buddies Embroidered Sweatshirts**

Parents/carers may notice children wearing Banwell Buddies embroidered polo shirts. The wearing of these are not compulsory for each day, but we do like each child to have at least one polo shirt. All first polo shirts can be purchased at reduced cost of £3.00 with subsequent shirts at £6.50. We also have for sale baseball caps and book bags each with a logo representing Banwell Buddies. Order forms are available from the office or via our website.

### **Banwell Buddies AGM**

The Annual General Meeting for Banwell Buddies will once again be upon us in October. I would like to take this quick opportunity to remind ALL parents/carers that our management committee is solely voluntary, with those employed as play staff being the only ones paid. Without the management committee your Pre-school legally can not operate, therefore please can everyone seriously consider the idea of helping us in some form, whether it be as a member of the committee or by helping raise money on the fundraising team. As it stands only the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are up for Election in October. These roles need to be filled at all times, if they are not then the committee can not function, a vice chair is also required although this role is not vital. For those wishing not to take on a main role, then please consider being a committee member or joining the fundraising team. More detailed information regarding the AGM, the election process and duties involved will follow closer to the AGM.

### **Website and Calendar**

Banwell Buddies has its own Website. All information regarding the Pre-School is available at all times at [www.geocities.com/banwellpreschool](http://www.geocities.com/banwellpreschool)

This website keeps a copy of all Newsletters that have ever been produced (incl. this one!) it also, has the other information like Term Dates, Pre-School uniform order form, copies of the current prospectus and registration packs, links to Ofsted Reports for the Pre-School. Also available on the website is a link to a Calendar which is kept upto date of all known activities the children will be doing during the week of each month and any event planned. A smaller calendar will be provided on each newsletter, again providing information about activities at the Pre-School and any events planned for the month ahead.

With this in mind, it is imperative, that you keep each newsletter until at least the next one is due, as this way you know what your child is doing or if an event is coming up concerning the Pre-School.

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### **Banwell Buddies Mailing List**

Name: ..... I am the Parent/Carer of : .....

I would like to be placed on the Mailing list in which I will receive various forms of correspondence via email. I however do understand there may still be the occasional paper form of correspondence placed into my Childs box.

My email address is as follows: .....

Signed: .....

## IMPORTANT: Session Attendance

Important information for all those parents/carers whose children are entitled to government funding please can we make you aware of the following situation: North Somerset who issue the funding require that children who are funded for sessions, attend all sessions they receive funding for regularly. If your child is unable to attend due to illness, an appointment, family holiday it is vital that you inform us of this in advance or on the day on the absence so that we can mark the register accordingly. If a regular pattern of absence occurs we are required to discuss the matter with yourselves and consider reducing the amount of funded sessions claimed. This is to prevent funding being paid for sessions that are not being used.

If you feel you would like further information on this issue please speak to Vikki Fitzpatrick, many thanks.

## IMPORTANT: Session Fees

Further to the above notice of Attendance, I must also inform all Parents/Carers that the Pre-School will be putting up our session fees in October. Further information regarding the fees will be included in the letter regarding Session Attendance.

## Committee and Staff Structure

All Parents/Carers are asked to familiar themselves with the current Committee and Staff structure. This will help in yourselves knowing whom to approach with any query related to the running of the Pre-School.

A copy of the structure can be found under 'Who's Who' on the Pre-School website at [www.geocities.com/banwellpreschool](http://www.geocities.com/banwellpreschool)

## Diary Dates for September

### Pre-School ACTIVITIES

- week 1—4th/5th Sept Settling back
- week 2—8th Sept What we did in our holidays
- week 3—15th Sept Nursery Rhymes
- week 4—22nd Sept Nursery Rhymes
- week 5—29th Sept Harvest and Eid

### FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- week 6—6th Oct Autumn
- week 7—13th Oct Autumn Animals
- week 8—20th Oct Diwali

## September 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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