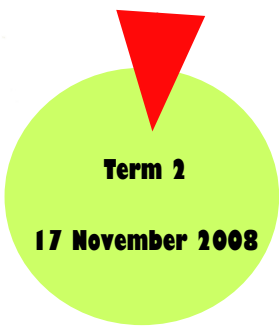


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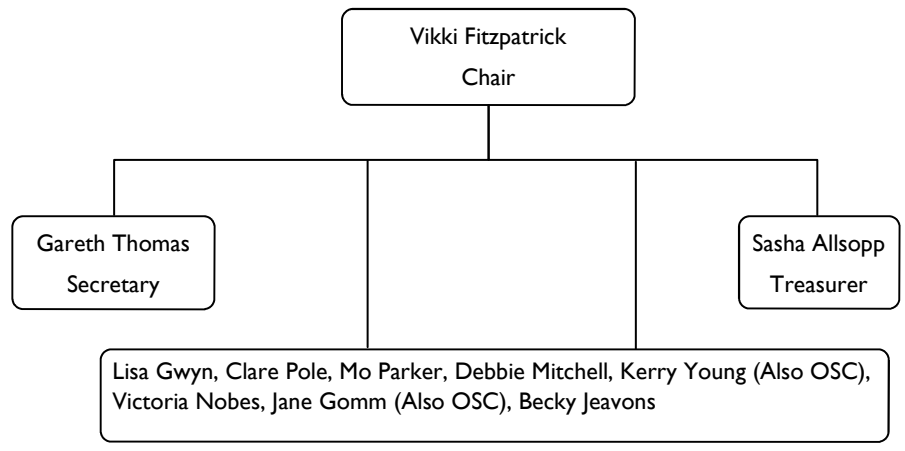


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Pre-School Newsletter

New Committee Management Structure



Following a successful AGM, albeit with limited numbers on the night, the above persons formed the new Volunteer Committee for Banwell Buddies Pre-School and Out of School Club, with the Treasurer role being filled at our recent Committee meeting on the 11th November. However, this does not mean you still can not join. Banwell Buddies is as stated Voluntary run, without anyone giving some time up to help raise funds and manage the Playgroup, the children would have no where in Banwell to go.

As a voluntary run committee we can understand that some parents/carers have other responsibilities and maybe are reluctant to get too involved, however, all those above on the committee also have other responsibilities, some are doing open university courses whilst bringing up their own children, as well as being on the committee, others just have other children to look after.

So please consider the possibility of joining our merry band, we need as much help as possible in maintaining a brighter future to the Pre-School and Out of School Club, as well as this being a member of a Voluntary Charity Committee is far more valuable and respected on a CV, than joining a board of Governors for a School for instance.

For those not on the committee, we have included a small pack from the Pre-School Alliance, which may help explain what it means about Volunteering for your Pre-School Committee, so please take the time to read it.

As you can see above the main roles are already taken up, so its not even a case of joining and going straight into the deep end if you are unsure still. However, Gareth and Vikki, can't be Chair and Secretary for ever, someone is going to need to step up to the plate in the forthcoming future to take over the running of our playgroup, it's a daunting prospect we know, but very rewarding at the same time.

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 Banwell Buddies only correspondence via email. I however do understand there may still be the occasional paper form of correspondence placed into my Childs pocket.

My email address is as follows:

Signed:

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas Nativity will take place on the 11th December in the School Sports Hall. After the Nativity, parents will be invited back up to the playgroup for mince pies and drinks, please can parents also consider donating a prize of some description to the raffle. It can be anything, from a bottle of wine or maybe a promise e.g. ironing, make a cake to winners request that sort of thing. If you know of anyone in the leisure business that may be able to donate something then that would be much appreciated. The Nativity will be held in the morning, therefore there will be no Session, and your children will only be the responsibility of the Staff during the changing before, during nativity and changing after the Nativity.

Further information to come.

Christmas Party will take place on the 19th December in the Village Hall. The morning session will still occur, with all children being taken down to the Village hall for the party immediately after the Session finishes. However, once all the Children are in the village hall, they will become the responsibility of all parents/carers as there will be no afternoon session.

Food will of course be supplied by the Playgroup, but we also have Nutty Noah and Father Christmas present to help the festivities run smoothly.

Raffle prizes again would be nice, so as I have stated above for the nativity, any prizes would be very much welcomed.

Payments

Please can anyone who wishes to hand in Fee payments, do so by giving them to a member of Staff. Please ensure your payment is in a sealed envelope with details of payment on the front. We would like to discourage anyone from leaving them on the office table, if no-one is in there. Your help in this would be much appreciated.

Diary Dates for Nov / Dec 08

- 17th Nov—Science activities - water, weight, size, space
- 24th Nov—Science activities
- 1st Dec—Getting ready for Christmas
- 1st Dec—Beginning of Advent
- 7th Dec—Tree Dressing Day - we will be decorating our Christmas Tree
- 8th Dec—Getting ready for Christmas
- 11th Dec—Nativity (**No Morning Session**)
- 15th Dec—Christmas activities Dates
- 19th Dec—Christmas Party 11.45am (**No Afternoon Session**)
- 6th JAN—TERM 3 STARTS

Wellington Boots

Can all children please bring a pair of Wellington boots with them to pre-school. With the weather not always dry, we would like to ensure Children get their boots wet/dirty rather than shoes or trainers when they go outside to play.

Future fundraising Events

Banwell School Christmas Fayre: Banwell Buddies will be looking after a couple of tables at this event on the 28th November 5pm—7pm. The tables are Water and Wine, Christmas table. Firstly we would like lots of Wine or if you have already drunk any wine (Screw top only), then the empty bottles will suffice so we can fill them with water. This way we can ensure a quality table is stocked up continually. We also require some volunteers to man these tables during the time of the Fayre, so your help would be much appreciated

James Bond Film Night: Get out your black tie, your evil villain costume or just a black number, Banwell Buddies will be hosting a Film night at the Village Hall on the 30th January 2009. Further Information to follow.

Indulgence Evening: We have booked the Village Hall for 27th February 2009 further information will follow.

Admin Start

Thursday will see the start of our new Administrator, Sarah Harris will be in the office 9-3 Thursday and Fridays, please bear in mind for a few weeks, Sarah will be sorting out the office and getting her bearings. However, I'm sure she will try to help you as much as she can. We the Staff and Committee look forward to welcoming Sarah to the fold.

Phoenix Cards / Body Shop

The body shop Raffle recently raised £36, the staff are currently purchasing equipment with the funds. Figures raised through sales of Phoenix Cards and Body shop products will be known soon. Thank you to all those involved, or purchased raffle tickets.

November / December 08

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easyfundraising

.org.uk

Easyfundraising.org.uk can raise money for the playgroup, just with a click of a button, why not register yourself at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/banwellbuddies and start shopping via this website and help raise us money.

Recently we received a cheque of £34 from easyfundraising, but this can be so much more if all of us shop via this site. With Christmas around the corner, I have included the latest information regarding November savings and special offers

easyfundraising Special Offers - November 2008 - Save money on your Christmas shopping!

As well as helping us to raise funds, when you shop through the easyfundraising site you can benefit from exclusive special offers that you won't find anywhere else, helping you save ££££'s on your Christmas shopping!

There are many offers available - too many to list here - so visit the Special Offers page at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/banwellbuddies for more details and to find the eVoucher codes.

Remember, you need to log in to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/banwellbuddies before making any purchase for your donation to count!

M&S

FREE standard delivery with M&S on all orders £30 and over. Just use the links from the easyfundraising site for your discount to apply.

Boden

Order today from Boden and just by using the links on the easyfundraising site, you'll receive an exclusive 10% discount. Plus there's FREE delivery and FREE returns.

Amazon

Fantastic news! Amazon have reduced their delivery charge, just in time for Christmas shopping. You now only need to add £5 worth of eligible items to your basket to get FREE delivery.

Firebox

Firebox are offering easyfundraising members a fantastic £5 OFF your purchases with them.
OFFER EXPIRES 31-December-2008

Prezzy Box

Use eVoucher code for £5 OFF any purchase over £20.

Chocolate Trading Company

Use the eVoucher code and save 6% on all purchases.
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Preziesplus

Simply use the eVoucher code when directed, for a 5% saving on all orders over £30.
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Cloggs

Use the eVoucher to save 5% off all online purchases with Cloggs.
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AVON

Use the eVoucher when prompted at the checkout to receive free delivery on all orders of £20 or more.

House of Fraser

Until Wednesday 24th December 2008 you can enjoy £10 off your first online purchase worth £50 or more and free standard delivery to anywhere in mainland UK when you use the exclusive easyfundraising eVoucher..

OFFER EXPIRES 24-December-2008

Early Learning Centre

Use the eVoucher when prompted at checkout for an exclusive 10% saving across ELC's entire online store. Excludes items already on offer.

Pixmania

Pixmania currently have some great eVoucher codes. Simply visit easyfundraising and enter the appropriate voucher code at PIXmania's checkout. OFFERS EXPIRE 1-December-2008

Thomson

Simply register to receive email updates from Thomson and you could win £1000 of vouchers to spend on a holiday of your choice. Plus, just for registering your cause receives a 20p donation.

The Body Shop

Simply enter the easyfundraising eVoucher code by clicking on 'use promotional code' at checkout, to save 10% of all online purchases with The Body Shop. OFFER EXPIRES Midnight 31-December-2008

Interflora

Interflora is offering FREE standard delivery worth £5.99 on all orders throughout November!

OFFER EXPIRES 30-November-2008

Virgin Media

Sign up online to any Virgin Media 'cable triple bundle' and save a massive £50!! OFFER EXPIRES 30-November-2008.

Yellow Moon

SAVE 10% on your purchases over £50 (excluding P&P) with Yellow Moon.

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Baker Ross

SAVE 10% on your orders over £75 (excluding VAT and P&P) with Baker Ross.

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November Increased Donations

The following retailers have increased the amount they will donate to our organisation when you make a purchase with them during November. Please support us by using these retailers whenever you can.

Hotter Shoes

Donations with Hotter Shoes, the fastest-growing shoe brand in the UK, now increased by 50%!

Direct Line Home Insurance

Home Insurance donation with Direct Line now increased to £50.00 per sale (was £45.00)

Vodafone

Donations for all Vodafone Pay Monthly handsets have been increased to an amazing £45.00 (was £10.50) with immediate effect. Donations for Vodafone Mobile Broadband have also been increased to £45.00.

Additions Direct

Donations with Additions Direct have been increased to 4% (was 3%)

Littlewoods

Donations increased to 4% (was 3%) .

Great Universal

Donations with Great Universal have been increased to 4% (was 3%)