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Pre-School Newsletter

Banwell Buddies AGM

Term 1
20 October 2008

All Parents and Carers are reminded that on Wednesday 22nd October at 7.30pm, Banwell Buddies will be holding its Annual General Meeting. Please, Please, Please consider helping us run the Pre-School or Out of School Club, the better quality as a management committee, will help provide a better quality service to the Pre-School and Out of School Club. We are a Voluntary Committee, therefore we need as much help as possible and to function as a Committee legally, we require a minimum of 5 persons, 3 of which must be the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. As well as the meeting, we will also be welcoming Phoenix Cards and Body Shop along, with drinks and snacks also being made available

New Administrator Appointed

As a result of the recently advertised post. We will be welcoming a new front of house/admin starting towards the end of November, provisionally she will be working 9am—3pm Thursday and Fridays.

Half Term and Inset day reminder

These days are of course set out below, but I have been asked to remind all parents that Friday 24th October is an Inset day, and Half term is 27th Oct—4th November.

Congrats to Wendy

Well done to Wendy upon successfully gaining a place upon the EYFS foundation stage degree programme, we certainly look forward to benefiting from her training!

Raise Funds for Banwell Buddies Playgroup When You Shop Online

easyfundraising is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores, including Argos, Next, Amazon, Debenhams, John Lewis, Toys R Us, HMV and over 600 other top name stores. Whenever you shop with any one of them using the links provided on the easyfundraising site, you'll generate a free donation for us of up to 15% of the purchase price every time! It really is that simple!

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You can shop for holidays, flights, electronics, mobile phones, computing equipment, food, wine, pet supplies, finance, insurance and much more - and every purchase you make will raise funds for us at absolutely no cost to you!

All you need to do is register for free at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/banwellbuddies> and use easyfundraising every time you shop online.

Can you help with Fundraising?

Banwell Buddies are after anyone who can help with Fundraising. If you have any ideas that you think will help us please come forward and let us know.

We are also proposing a pamper/Xmas shopping evening, is anyone available to help?

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:

WOW Cards

Banwell Buddies are introducing a new fun system to our pre-school. We would like to introduce you to the WOW card, they have been used for a while now within Reception at Banwell School, and it has been decided to introduce it to Banwell Buddies.

Basically, this is for parents to use to help us celebrate with them when their child achieves something new at home; this could be swimming, a first bike ride, a new bedtime routine anything that makes you go 'WOW' .

The cards will be used to show and tell/celebrate with the group and placed in their learning diaries to record achievements at home alongside their achievements at pre-school.

Parents can collect a sheet of 'WOW' cards from the signing in desk or collect them individually as required.

Autumn Walk

We had a lovely sunny morning for our Autumn walk on Thursday 16th.

The children really enjoyed seeing the changing colours of the trees, and the wildlife such as cows and horses.

Our walk include a look at Banwell river where we fed the ducks! We continued to the church, past the bowling green and back to playgroup where the children tucked in to their snack and drink!

Unfortunately only three parent helpers came with us (which was a little disappointing as we had hoped for more) - it would be good if a few more could come along to our next walk. It is essential that to be able to do these sort of activities with your children, that we have the correct number of Adults to Child ratios, sometimes our staff numbers may not be enough to be able to get away with just three parent helps. It is hoped that the next walk will be during our Christmas activities weeks.

Diary Dates for Nov / Dec

24th OCT Inset Day

27th—4th Nov Half Term

6th/7th Nov - Bonfire night

10th Nov - Night and Day

14th Nov - Children in Need

17th Nov - Science activities - water, weight, size, space

24th Nov - Science activities

1st Dec - Getting ready for Christmas

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7th Dec - Tree Dressing Day - we will be decorating our Christmas Tree

8th Dec - Getting ready for Christmas

15th Dec - Christmas activities Dates

November 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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