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Pre-School & Out of School Club Newsletter

James Bond Night

The staff and committee would like to thank Mo Parker, Gareth Thomas and Shane Nobes for organising and running the recent James Bond night, despite a low turnout they still managed to raise just over £200 for Banwell Buddies. Look out for information on future fundraising activities within this newsletter

Car Reminder

Please can Banwell Buddies Committee and Staff remind all parents, that Cars are not to be driven up the hill to our Building unless you have disability needs or you are dropping anything off that requires the use of a car. For those that do require to use their cars for disability reasons, and pick children up at 3pm, please can you not hang around too long after 3pm. Please try to get back out of the School gates before 3.15pm when all the School children start to leave. Your help in this would be much appreciated.

WOW Cards

Playgroup staff has asked me to remind all parents, that WOW Cards are available to use. They are situated near the signing in sheet on the main table. A WOW card is very useful for Staff to know what your child is doing outside of Playgroup. It also gives a child joy in being rewarded for doing something special, either on their own or helping.

Future Fundraising

The following Fundraising Activities are planned, if anyone would like to or can help with any of them please come forward. It would be much appreciated.

5/5/2009

Bristol 10k (two Parents running in Aid of BB)

27/3/2009

Easter Disco

25/4/2009

Jumble Sale

6/6/2009

Charity Disco & Gaming Night

?/6/2009

School Summer Fete (Date to be confirmed)

4/7/2009—18/7/2009

Banwell Carnival (*Playgroup and School will be joining forces to help raise money for both establishments*)

Further information to follow shortly)

Donations

Banwell Buddies would like all parents or carers to not throw away cardboard or anything that can be used for Junk Modelling. If you have anything at all, then please consider just putting it to one side and bringing it along to Playgroup for the children to use.

Your help in this would be much appreciated.

Fundraising Help

Banwell Buddies Committee as you can see above, are doing their best to raise money for the Group. However, we are still in need of help. So far we have had very little response from people willing to help us organise any event or even come forward to just help with an event. We were serious when we gave everyone a letter concerning our current state, we were serious when we published a recent article in the Weston Mercury.

We can understand that there are those who's children will not be staying at Banwell Buddies after Summer, but please remember, this village needs a Playgroup, without any fundraising help or organisation we will no longer be able to function. We are not asking a lot, we are just asking for a little bit of help. So please contact either Gareth Thomas or Vikki Fitzpatrick and we will gladly take your name down.

3 year olds for OSC ?

Do you have a three year old, that you would like to put into Out of School Club. Banwell Buddies would like to offer anyone with a 3 year old to use this opportunity.

Out of School Club operates from 3pm—6pm at a cost of 1st Child £8.50, 2nd Child £7.50.

For further information please contact Jane Gomm, Enid Clarke or Vikki Fitzpatrick.

Wellies

Parents are reminded that all Children must have a pair of Wellies present at Playgroup. Currently, as everyone knows the ground is very muddy and wet. We are taking the children out into the Garden even if the ground is wet and muddy. Therefore we would like to try and keep the amount of mud entering the building or even protect children shoes from getting muddy. Your help with this would be much appreciated

Newsletter Mailing List

If you would rather in future, receive your Newsletter via email and help save paper and ink for Banwell Buddies, please can you contact either Gareth Thomas or Vikki Fitzpatrick to give your email address.

We have been operating this system for a while now, and it is very successful, at no point is your email used other than Newsletter or other Banwell Buddies related matters.

Invoice Apologies

Banwell Buddies committee would like to apologise for the incorrect invoices that were sent out last month.

Please bear with us as we start a new invoice system that is slowly being implemented, there will be teething problems at first as we fine tune it. However, it is hoped that the new system will reduce the amount of incorrect invoices that go out.

If you have any problems please speak to Vikki Fitzpatrick

Half Term Dates

14th—22nd Feb

4th—19th Apr

20th Apr (Inset Day)

21st—31st May

25th July—2nd Sept (Summer)

Activity / Diary Dates for Feb, Mar Pre-School

9/2/09	Colours
23/2/09	Dinosaurs and Shrove Tuesday
2/3/09	Dinosaurs and St Davids Day
9/3/09	Space
16/3/09	Space
23/3/09	Spring
30/3/09	Easter

Activity / Diary Dates for Feb, Mar Out of School Club

9/2/09	Pirate Theme. Fun Games and Activities
23/2/09	A week on a Dinosaur Theme with Fun Games and Activities
2/3/09	our 6th B/Day Party (3/3/09) Cowboy Theme/Bangers & Beans/General Art
9/3/09	Indian Week Theme, Make a totem pole etc
16/3/09	Various Quiz's, Art Box / Crafts
23/3/09	Obstacle Course, Mini Olympics, Craft etc
30/3/09	Easter Theme, Egg Hunt etc