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Pre-School & Out of School Club Newsletter

Sainsbury & Tesco Vouchers

We have registered Banwell Buddies to collect both Tescos and Sainsburys vouchers. Boxes for these are now in the pre-school for you to post your vouchers into. Please let Grandparents know and tell other Sainsbury's shoppers you may know, so that we can collect as many vouchers as possible. There is a large range of activity and sports equipment we can exchange the vouchers for, so the Children will get some great new toys at Banwell Buddies. Many thanks.

Bristol 10k

A sponsor form has now been placed on the main desk next to the signing in form. Please can everyone sponsor myself, Gareth Thomas and Lisa Pinchen even if its just a couple of quid. All the money I raise will be going to Banwell Buddies, also if you pay tax, just tick the box and we will get back money off Mr Taxman as we are now

Gift Aid registered.

Charity Disco & Gaming Night

On the 6th June, Banwell Buddies will once again be running a gaming night, this time however, we will be providing a Disco. Also planned is a photographer (TBC), Roulette Table and Black Jack Table. The Tables will be run by Gareth Thomas and Shane Nobes. Our James Bond night successfully raised £200 despite a low turnout, we are hoping that you will all decide

Banwell Carnival

Banwell Buddies will be involved once more with Banwell Carnival, further information on what events will be occurring during the two weeks (4th—18th July), will be forthcoming soon via Parish News and other Outlets. In the meantime, may I just inform you that this year Banwell Buddies will be running a new event called 'Pub Champion' which will be taking place in The Bell, further information to come soon but I can tell you that it will be Child as well as Adult orientated.

On the Carnival day itself, there will be a Parade which is themed as Classic Films and Characters of the big screen, Banwell Buddies will be hoping to be involved in the Parade, again further information to follow. We will also be hosting TWO stalls on the day, they are the 'Stocks' and the 'Human Fruit Machine', we will of course be asking for helpers to not only man the stalls but also to take part in them, again further information will be coming shortly.

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)
6/6/2009	Charity Disco & Gaming Night
?/6/2009	School Summer Fete (Date to be confirmed)
4/7/2009—18/7/2009	Banwell Carnival

Fundraising Help

Victoria Nobes, Brandons mum, is due set a date for the fundraising team meeting if you would like to join please contact Victoria Nobes or a member of the Committee

Out of School Club Closure

As everyone should be aware now, Out of School Club will unfortunately be closing. Please be aware that OSC will close on the 8th May 2009.

Wellies

Parents are reminded that all Children must have a pair of Wellies present at Playgroup. 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

Driving up to Playgroup

This is just a reminder that the only people that are allowed to drive up to the Playgroup, are those that have a disability and those that are dropping off goods (not children!) to playgroup.

If you are one of these persons, then please can everyone make sure they drive carefully past the School. If you are picking up at 3pm, then please consider that there will be children running out into the area around the school gates. If you can pick up and leave before 3.10pm or if you are not in a hurry just hang back for a further 10 mins to let the crowds disperse, this would be great.

Either way, please please drive carefully around the School gates, we would rather everyone stayed back to let the crowds disperse than try and get a car through crowds of children and parents/carers alike.

Banwell Buddies Summer Trip

Every year we always take the children on a Summer Trip. It has been decided that this year we will be going to Court Farm for this trip.

A letter will be coming round soon to everyone informing everyone of the situation regarding this day, and you will be required to confirm attendance for the Trip.

In the meantime we can tell you all it will be occurring on Friday 3rd July and therefore means the session in Playgroup will not occur.

Again further information will be forthcoming in a Letter soon

Important Diary Dates

4th May—Bank Holiday

23rd—31st May (Half Term)

3rd July (Summer Trip)

25th July—2nd Sept (Summer)

Parent Rota

We currently have a couple of mums who regularly join us during the sessions, if any Parent, Grandparent or Carer would you like to join us maybe once a month and see what happens whilst your-child attends, then please add your name to the Rota list situated next to the signing in/out form on the main desk. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and play with your child in the playgroup environment.

Junk 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.

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.

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.