

Little Apples of Bramley
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News Pips

Sarah's News...

Happy New Year everyone from all the staff at Little Apples.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the snow and didn't get stuck in it for hours and hours. Hopefully we won't get too much more this winter, but if we do please remember to look at our website, www.littleapples.org, or listen to Kestrel FM for updates regarding closures. Kestrel FM has a new web address just for closures, which springs into action, and it is:
<http://www.kestrelschoolclosures.webs.com>

If it starts snowing heavily during the time when your child is at Little Apples, you are more than welcome to collect them early if you feel it is becoming unsafe. If we decide to close during the morning we will inform everyone by telephone and wait until everyone is collected; this will be arranged as soon as possible as we will generally close due to a health and safety matter.

Hopefully everyone will soon get used to starting 15 minutes earlier, staying for lunch or staying all day. We are really pleased to be able to offer limited extended hours and this is after a lot of negotiation with other hall users. If you would like to increase your hours please ask, but they will not be able to be added onto an EYE grant claim until the beginning of

the next term, as long as your entitlement of 15 hours is not used up. You are of course welcome to pay full fees for these hours.

It has recently been brought to my attention that, on occasion, the letters that we send out can be misunderstood, or not clear. If you would like to join a small team of proof readers please let me know your email address and I will add you to the group. You do not need anything for this except common sense and the availability to be able to reply within 1-2 days, as letters often need to go out quickly.

Did you know?

Little Apples first opened its doors 40 years ago this year! It was first called Bramley Playgroup and was possibly started in the army camp by a small group of mums even before that. I am sure that it will be a year for celebrating in more ways than one and if anyone has any ideas please let us know. Also, in May, I have been at Little Apples for 10 years, so a double celebration I think!!



Hopefully by the time you read this, the planning application for the new building will be live on the council's web site. Please watch out for notices and flyers informing you of the relevant number where you can lodge your comments. We are trying to get as much positive support for this as possible, so please let all your family and friends know. If this goes through we will be hoping to move into our new building by September, another reason to celebrate our 40th year.

Sarah Naylor (Play Leader)

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### **Fundraising News...**

A big thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported us with the Christmas raffle. It was a great success and we managed to raise £167.

Look out for details about the next coffee morning. Come along and enjoy a well deserved coffee and piece of cake.

Also, tickets will soon be on sale for our next fund raising event - The Little Apples Fun Quiz. This is to be held at the village hall on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February - times to be confirmed. Hope you can join us for what will be a great night.

Thanks again for your ongoing support and we look forward to raising money for the playgroup in 2010.

**Caroline Modle (Fundraiser)**



### **A Word from the Chair...**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone has been enjoying the wonderful snow that we've had.

We have a lot going on this year and hopefully a lot to look forward to. The planning for the new building has been submitted so fingers firmly crossed that all goes to plan.

As always we have several fundraising events during the year, this year we have planned a quiz night for 26<sup>th</sup> February and a race night for 25<sup>th</sup> June. Both events should be a lot of fun so please do come along and support us. More information on these will follow so watch this space...

That's all for now!

**Lucy Clark (Chair)**

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Admin Matters...

It's that time of the term again when you may receive an invoice if some or all of your fees are not covered by the Government EYE Grant. Don't forget that if it's easier for you, you can pay in instalments. Just give me a ring on 880602 to set up a plan.

The invoices are set out a little differently this term, to accommodate our new arrangements, so if you've any queries please give me a call. Your invoice will be adjusted after February half term for any amount that you were out of pocket due to Little Apples being closed because of the snow. If you have any queries about this please give me a call.

Claire Knop (Administrator)

Committee News...

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 19th January. If you have any issues that you would like to be raised, or would like to come along, please speak to Sarah or any committee member.

A number of committee members will be leaving this summer as their children move on to school. We need a minimum number of parents involved to keep the preschool open. If you would be willing to help us, please speak to Sarah.

Closure Policy...

A reminder of our closure policy, which may occur due to safety and staffing issues:

1. We will inform Kestrel FM of the closure (107.6fm) to add to their closure list
2. We will update the news banner on the website www.littleapples.org
3. We will endeavour to post a note on the hall door and have the telephone available, but this is not always possible.

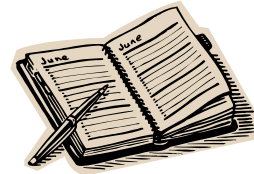
If we have to close during a session a different procedure is followed and all parents are telephoned and no child is ever left unattended.



Thank you for your patience during the recent bad weather. We understand that closing at short notice and adjusting the times temporarily has been inconvenient, but hopefully we will be back to normal very soon!

Dates for your Diaries...

19 January:	Committee meeting
15 - 19 Feb:	Half term
22 February:	Inset day
26 February:	Quiz Night



Iron Mum 2010...

Some of the proceeds from this year's Iron Mum will go to Little Apples. As well as participants for this fun triathlon, marshalls will be needed and help with the funday. If you are interested in taking part or helping in any way, go to www.ironmum.co.uk.



Online...

Please remember to check our web site for news and updates:

www.littleapples.org

