

**Little Apples of Bramley**  
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# News Pips

## **Sarah's News...**

I hope that everyone had a good half term! Mine was definitely busy but also nice to have a change of pace.

Could I ask all parents / carers to please understand that while we are letting the children into the halls is it very difficult to chat to parents at the same time. If you wish to chat to the person that is taking the register, please wait for a few moments until the children are all ticked off. Thank you.

Sometime this term we are having a visit from a police man, Mr Clevely, so please watch out for the notice board as if your child does not attend on the day he is coming you will be able to accompany them just for this time. There will be a sign up sheet on the notice board so that we know how many we are expecting. Children that already attend on that particular day will already be counted. Unfortunately on this occasion it will be difficult to accommodate younger children as well.

Thank you to everyone who has made comments in support of our application to use part of Forge Field for a new preschool building, I am sure all of you can appreciate the need for this. If you haven't got around to it as yet please take 5 minutes to do it as soon as possible as we should know the

decision in April. There is a web page with guidelines - [www.webpeople.co.uk/planning](http://www.webpeople.co.uk/planning).

## **Sarah Naylor (Play Leader)**

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## **Admin Matters...**

I thought this a prime opportunity to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Karen Totterdell and I have taken over the role as Financial Controller / Administrator from Claire Knop. I will make myself known to as many people as possible over the next few weeks so you can put name to face, in the meantime should you have any queries or issues which I can help with please do not hesitate to contact me. For your reference I have detailed my contact number at the bottom of this section.

Back to admin matters: please be advised that if a cheque is returned to Little Apples unpaid then we will pass on the charge made by our bank, which is currently £7.50. We obviously hope that this will not be necessary, however please be aware that this is our procedure should this happen.

**Karen Totterdell (Administrator)**  
07500 256 799

## Fundraising News...

A big thank you to everyone who attended the quiz on Friday. It was reasonably well attended and those that were there had a good time. We made a profit of £110 from ticket sales and drinks sold, which is fantastic. I would also like to give a big thank you to Sarah's husband Scott Naylor for organizing the actual quiz and keeping everyone under control throughout the evening! His work was much appreciated.

Our next event is a coffee morning on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. We have changed the day from our usual Wednesday in the hope that more people can attend. There will also be an Easter raffle drawn that morning so look out for details of prizes etc.

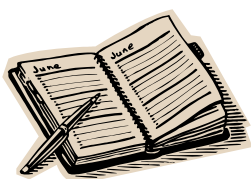
Our next evening event will be a race night which should be a fun night out. Details to follow at a later date.

Thanks to everyone who supports the fundraising events and helps to raise money for Little Apples.

**Caroline Modle (Fundraiser)**

## Dates for your Diaries...

9 March:	Committee meeting
26 March:	Coffee Morning
1 April:	End of term
19 April:	New term



## News from the Chair...

As you may or may not know, I have decided to step down from the role of Chair. There are several reasons for me making this decision, but I have enjoyed my time as Chair for the best part of a year now.

I look forward to continuing to help and support Little Apples and the committee as much as I can. My thanks to the rest of the committee for their support, and of course not forgetting Sarah and the team who do a fantastic job.

I wish Little Apples all the success in the future and especially with the upcoming development. I urge everyone to support this as it is a wonderful and much needed facility.

Best wishes  
**Lucy Clark**

## Committee News...

Our next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. This will be held at the Village Hall at 8.30pm as the group is now too big to meet in committee members homes - especially with little ones trying to sleep upstairs!

The current chair, Lucy Clark, has announced her intention to resign. The roles are usually voted on at the AGM but in this case an election will take place at the next meeting. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the committee or would like any more information, please speak to a committee member or Sarah Naylor.

## Bramley Iron Mum 2010

*Run....cycle.....carry wine!*

This year Bramley Iron Mum will be raising money for Little Apples. Training sessions start on Monday 29th March, 7pm at the Clift Pavilion.

Come along, have some fun and start releasing your inner triathlete!

The Iron Mums promise to be gentle!  
Training sessions are free, event entry is £5.

[www.ironmum.co.uk](http://www.ironmum.co.uk)  
[bramleyironmum@googlemail.com](mailto:bramleyironmum@googlemail.com)



### Message for Claire Knop...

A huge thank you from both the staff and committee at Little Apples for everything you've done over the last three years.

You've progressed the role and the organisation forward a great deal and for that we will always be grateful.

Good luck with your future plans!

## Spring is nearly here!

This has felt like a very long winter this year but soon the trees will be blossoming (honestly!) and we will be able to get out and enjoy the outdoors again.

Get the kids involved in a spring clean to help get rid of the winter blues. After months of muddy wellies being dragged through the house, it can be difficult to find the enthusiasm. But since most of our homes are filled with toys, getting rid of broken or unwanted ones is a good start. Try ebaying any in decent condition or going to a car boot sale and you'll earn some money whilst clearing the house.

### More ideas:

- Look online for Easter egg hunts
- Many tourist attractions will reopen at Easter time - try The National Trust for ideas
- Try the Cbeebies website for spring art and craft ideas
- The Netmums website has ideas for places to go



## Lunch Club...

If your child is staying at Little Apples between 12 noon and 1pm they will need to bring a packed lunch with them.

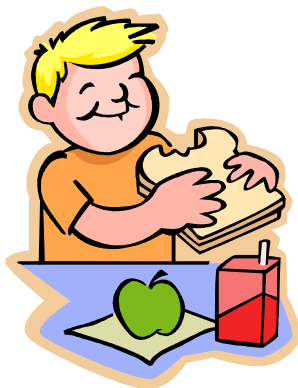
This year ALL packed lunches must NOT include the following as we have children attending that have severe allergies to them.

- Strawberry
- Pear
- Banana
- Kiwi
- Avocado
- Raw potato
- Nuts of any kind

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Other lunch reminders:

- Please check your child can open the lunch box easily
- Label the lunch box with your child's name
- We cannot refrigerate the boxes so a freezer pack may be a good idea, especially in the summer
- Remember a spoon for yoghurts & custard
- Can your child open everything themselves.... drink cartons, frubes, oranges...?



We are very keen that the children bring the kind of lunch that they will be expected to bring or eat when they go to school i.e. a healthy packed lunch that forms part of a healthy balanced diet.

This means that lunch should contain:

- 1 portion of vegetables or salad
- 1 portion of fruit
- 1 portion of milk or dairy products
- 1 portion of meat, chicken or protein
- 1 portion of starchy food
- 1 small treat - optional

Of course this may vary slightly according to what has been eaten or is going to be eaten during the rest of the day.

### What is a portion?

A good guide is: "what will fit into a cupped hand". How many grapes will fit into your cupped hand and how many in your child's cupped hand?



### Online...

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

[www.littleapples.org](http://www.littleapples.org)



Here you can find our policies, newsletters, information about staff, fees, the curriculum, free flow... and more. You can also contact us via the online enquiry form.