

Little Apples of Bramley
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News Pips

Sarah's News...

We are really pleased to have just taken delivery of £280 worth of new toys, that we purchased from some of the proceeds from the Ladies Night we held in June. We have sensory blocks, texture matching, speeding cars, mirror numbers and letters to name but a few.

We are awaiting the delivery of a large fruit abacus for the children to play with and a new digital camera to take clearer photos of the children. Lara, one of our committee members, has very kindly liaised with Sony to get us a very good price for the camera along with another digital photo frame.

From Friday 13th November the library bus will be stopping at the Village Hall instead of Clift Meadow, from 11.15am until 12.30pm. We will be taking some of the children aboard on occasion to choose some books for Little Apples to borrow, and the staff from the bus will come into playgroup and lead story sessions with the children. These sessions will be advertised and if your child does not attend on this day you will be able to accompany them to these sessions.

As the weather gets colder please remember that we try to access the outdoor area on a daily basis. Please send your child in with NAMED scarves and gloves if you wish them to wear them.

Sarah Naylor (Play Leader)

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

Hello all

Well it seems that all the new starters so far have settled in really well.

The opportunity for flexible hours has been offered and will give people a lot more flexibility which is great and proving very popular.

Work on the new building is ongoing and formal planning will be submitted shortly, so fingers crossed and watch this space!

Please do come along to support us at the advent fair - it should be lots of fun and will hopefully help to get us all in the Christmas spirit!

Look forward to seeing you there

**Lucy Clark (Chair)**

## Fundraising News...

Just to let you know that the Christmas Fair is to be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the village Hall. This year on our stall we will be busy throwing hoops over jars. We felt that this idea would give everyone a chance to be involved and are asking that anyone connected with the preschool may like to contribute some small child friendly items that we can fill the jars with e.g. wrapped sweets, bubbles, hair clips etc.

We will also be holding a great Christmas raffle - tickets soon to be on sale.

We have also been asked if another coffee morning could be arranged so watch for any dates - there may be a chance for a bit of Christmas shopping!!

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair and thank you for your ongoing support.

**Caroline Modle (Fundraiser)**

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Committee News...

The next committee meeting will be on 24 November. 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.

Reminders...

- Please bring a coat in colder weather
- Bring a bag with a change of clothing
- Label all removable items of clothing

Closure Policy...

This time of year we can be subject to adverse weather conditions, and on very rare occasions Little Apples has to shut due to safety and staffing issues. If we are shutting for a day we will follow our closure policy, which briefly is as follows:

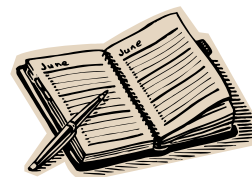
1. We will inform Kestrel FM of the closure (107.6fm) to add to their closure list
2. We will update the news banner on the website www.littleapples.org
3. We will endeavour to post a note on the hall door and have the telephone available, but this is not always possible.

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.



Dates for your diaries...

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| 20 Nov: | School applications deadline |
| 24 Nov: | Committee meeting |
| 28 Nov: | Advent Fair, Village Hall |
| 18 Dec: | Little Apples xmas party |



Christmas Party...

The Little Apples play and party will be on Friday 18th December. All children are invited. Details to follow.



New building update...

Our open session in October was well attended and we had support for the new building as well as opposition.

The next stage is to submit the formal planning application. A decision should be made in February.



Will your child be 4 years old between 1 September 2009 & 31 August 2010?

If so, you need to apply for a school place by midday on Friday 20th November 2009. Admission to school is not automatic.

Application forms are now available from:

- Your local primary or infant school
- The County Admissions team (tel. 01962 846001)
- Or apply online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

www.littleapples.org

Our new web site was launched in September. If you have any comments, please contact us using the online form.

We will use the web site for news and special announcements as well as general information about the preschool.



Term dates...

Autumn Term

7th September - 18th December

Spring Term

5th January - 1st April

Inset Day: 4th January

Half Term: 15th - 19th February

Inset Day: 22nd February

Summer Term

19th April - 23rd July

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half Term: 31st May - 4th June