

Little Apples of Bramley
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News Pips

Sarah's News...

Welcome to the new school year. We are going to have another busy year at Little Apples!

At the start of each year I like to remind everyone to take note of our telephone number so that you can contact us in an emergency. It is 079906 35806. If you have any general queries you can also email me at littleapplesofbramley@hotmail.com.

As we all come back together this term I am sure that you will understand that there will be plenty of coughs, colds and bugs doing the rounds. If your child is *'a bit off colour'* or *'not themselves'* please think carefully about sending them into Little Apples as this increases the chances of infection spreading. If you feel that your child requires medicine e.g. Calpol, before coming to Little Apples, it is likely that they will become unwell during the session and therefore would be much better off spending the morning at home.

Please remember that with a sickness/ stomach bug we ask you to keep them off for 48 hours after the last incidence of sickness etc. as they may still be infectious and drained during this time.

Sarah Naylor (Play Leader)

A Word from the Chair...

I hope everyone had a great summer, it certainly went very quickly!

We have lots to look forward to as we enter into the new school year, the new building project in particular which should hopefully start moving forward in the next month or so. Also, look out for the Little Apples web site which is just having the finishing touches made and is looking fantastic!

Some of you may have seen the lovely play kitchen which has been very kindly donated by a parent. I'm sure the children will get a lot of pleasure out of it.

We have a coffee morning coming up on 7th October so please do come along for a cup of coffee and a piece of yummy cake. Look forward to seeing you then.

Lucy Clark (Chair)

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## Committee News

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Venue to be confirmed.

We are pleased to have two new committee members - Rachel Young and Andrea Treble.

## Fundraising News...

Coming up on the fund-raising calendar are:

Coffee morning to be held at the village hall on 7<sup>th</sup> October from 9.15am. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible. As well as having a well deserved coffee/tea and a delicious piece of cake, we have also got Phoenix cards coming so a good chance to take a look at their Christmas collection, a second hand book stall (mainly books for the mums), and a rail of little girls dresses for sale. The last coffee morning was really well attended and we raised a good amount of money for the playgroup, so we hope you can join us.

Christmas fete, also at the village hall, on 28<sup>th</sup> November - time to be confirmed. For our stall this year we are asking all parents to collect jars which at a later date need to be filled - more details to follow.

Thanks for your continuing support.

**Caroline Modle (Fundraiser)**

## Dates for your diaries...

|         |                              |
|---------|------------------------------|
| 7 Oct:  | Coffee morning               |
| 9 Oct:  | New building open session    |
| 10 Oct: | Beetle Drive                 |
| 26 Oct: | Half term                    |
| 2 Nov:  | Inset day                    |
| 20 Nov: | School applications deadline |
| 24 Nov: | Committee meeting            |
| 28 Nov: | Advent Fair                  |
| 18 Dec: | End of term                  |



## Reminders...

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

As we have a number of children wearing the red Little Apples fleeces, why not make it easier for your child to identify their own with a small distinctive key ring on the zip. If you have any other suggestions, we'd love to hear them!

## Term Dates...

### Autumn Term

7<sup>th</sup> September - 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Half Term: 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Inset Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> November (closed)

### Spring Term

5<sup>th</sup> January - 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Inset Day: 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term: 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Inset Day: 22<sup>nd</sup> February

### Summer Term

19<sup>th</sup> April - 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Bank Holiday: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Half Term: 31<sup>st</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June

### Fancy getting involved?

Please remember we welcome parent helpers at any time. There is a calendar in the entrance hall. Just write your name on a day that is convenient for you.

www...

Our new web site will be online soon. As well as general information about Little Apples, you will be able to download forms, and will also have the option of viewing newsletters online instead of a paper version.



**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)



**New building update...**

Little Apples are proud to announce that we have received the Capital Grant for our purpose built pre-school building!

We are starting the process of applying for planning permission to build it on the community ground at Farriers Close.

We are holding an open session on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7 - 9pm, at Bramley Village Hall, if you would like to come along and see our plans.



**Coffee morning**

**Bramley Village hall  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
From 9.15am**

Tea, coffee, cakes  
Book stall  
Phoenix cards

A chance to find out what's new, talk to the staff, committee and other parents



Bring your friends!

## Beetle Drive

Bramley Village Hall  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
6pm – 8pm

Bring your own drinks

Snacks will be on sale

Tickets available from Little Apples

A beetle drive is an old favourite - a simple game requiring only paper, pencils and dice. The aim of the game is to be the first player to draw a complete beetle - but the body parts you can draw are determined by the throw of the dice. A beetle drive consists of up to twelve games of beetle: each game has a winner but the overall winner is the player who scores the most points from all the games played.



## Latest Swine Flu Guidelines

You should have all received a letter with the latest government advice. If not, please see a member of staff.

A reminder of where to get further information:

On-line assessment tool:

[www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk](http://www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk)

National Pandemic Assessment Line:  
0800 1513 100

Swine Flu information line:  
0800 1513 513

## Things to do...

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September - free entry to  
The Vyne 11am - 4pm

At the Haymarket, 'Stick Man' from the book by Julia Donaldson is on 3-4 October. Bob the Builder is at the Anvil on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

6<sup>th</sup> November - Bramley School  
Association fireworks display

Autumn activities for the children: get the kids involved in raking up leaves, planting the spring bulbs, collecting conkers, seasonal cooking (pumpkin soup for example), firework pictures and collages...

