

Little Apples of Bramley
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News Pips

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We're not officially due a newsletter yet, but since we have some news and updates for you, thought we would add an extra issue.

The hot topics right now are the committee, Ladies Night, and our proposed new building.

Little Apples committee...

Little Apples is a registered charity and as such requires a voluntary parent run committee. We are in charge of the general running of the preschool and fundraising which provides essential funds to buy extras for the children. Without the committee, Little Apples cannot exist and therefore the commitment given by parents is very important. The committee however is not just about meetings and fundraising. It is a great way to get to know other parents and their children.

Every year some members of the committee leave as their children progress onto school and so we are always keen to have new members join. This year three members are leaving and need to be replaced. If we fail to have the required nine members, Little Apples **will** close!

The committee is not all heavy going and it's a lot of fun too. We meet about once



every two months to discuss any relevant issues and organise forthcoming events.

Fundraising is not everyone's cup of tea, but there are other behind the scene jobs that need doing too. The Secretary takes the minutes at our committee meetings and the Treasurer checks over our bank statements once a month. New skills and contacts are always welcome, so even if you aren't able to join us on a regular basis, every little counts!

The staff ensure our children receive a wonderful preschool education, but without a committee it cannot happen. Please help us - it is your children who will benefit from your assistance.

If you have any questions, please come and talk to any of the current committee:

- Anna Keir - Chair
- Sarah Naylor - Playleader Manager
- Claire Knop - Administrator
- Kylie Hopwood - Secretary
- Kate Sparkes - Treasurer
- Caroline Modle - Fundraiser
- Rachel Vigar - Village hall liaison
- Sarah De Sio - External comms
- Nathalie Fellows - Committee member

Little Apples AGM
Tuesday 19th May, 8pm
Village Hall

Plans for a new building...

We are now at stage 2 of the grant application process for our proposed new building, which has to be submitted by 18th May. You should have received a short questionnaire about this. If not, see a member of staff. Please return this to Little Apples by 8th May.

For a number of years, we have been making plans for a purpose built facility. There would be many benefits to not having to share our space with other users as we do at present. The intention is for Little Apples to be located nearer the school, making drop off and pick up times more convenient for parents, and the children would also have access to school facilities helping to make an easy transition for them from pre-school to school. We also hope to offer flexible extended hours. The majority of our children live on the Campbell Road/Bramley Green estates so relocating should enable more people to walk if they wish.

This building would be beneficial to everyone in the village. Please support our application by returning your questionnaires. We will keep you up to date as the process continues.

Dates for your diaries...

19 May:	Little Apples AGM
25 May:	Half term
12 June:	Ladies Night, Village Hall
9 July:	Summer trip, Beale Park
11 July:	BSA summer fete
22 July:	End of term



Bramley Ladies Night...

We hope you all have your tickets for the Ladies Night. If not, what are you waiting for??! And for those of you who don't know what this is...

What?

A fabulous evening of retail and beauty therapy

Where?

Bramley Village Hall

When?

Friday 12th June @ 8pm

Tickets?

£7.50

Includes glass of wine, nibbles, mini treatment and goody bag

Tickets available from Little Apples

or call Caroline 01256 880955

or Claire 01256 880602



We are looking for second hand books, in good condition, as part of our fundraising activities for Ladies Night. If you have any you are willing to donate, please leave them in the box in the entrance hall. Thank you very much!

Nature at Little Apples...



Have you heard your child talking about our caterpillars?

At the beginning of term, we purchased a kit allowing us to watch a number of tiny caterpillars make the transition to 'Painted Lady' butterflies.

The children are mostly fascinated (although not all of our staff are as enamoured with them!).

The children are not allowed to handle the caterpillars, and they will be released as soon as the butterflies have emerged from their cocoons.



Our next project will involve stick insects - the children will have a challenge spotting the insects from the twigs!



Please remember...

- Name all removable items that your child wears to Little Apples.
- On warm days, apply sun cream to your child before they arrive as we are not allowed to do it.
- Bring a hat when it's hot as we use the outside area as much as possible.
- Let us know if your contact details change.



Phoenix Cards now has a trader in Bramley!

We sell a range of exclusive greeting cards, gift wrap, stationary and related products. The products are of high quality but bargain prices - cards start from £1.

If you interested in ordering products, receiving a catalogue, or hosting a Phoenix party, please contact Sarah on 01256 883569 / 07855 263533 or email sarahdesio@hotmail.com. Catalogues and order forms will also be available at Little Apples soon.

10% of all sales will be donated to Little Apples.

