



## **Term 5 Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 5! This term is going to be a time of change for all of us as we say 'goodbye' to some well-loved members of staff, and welcome new practitioners to the team.

### **Team changes**

Our general assistant, Aoife left us at the end of last term. Although she was only working with us for a short time, she quickly became a valued member of the staff team. We would like to thank her for all her hard work. Anna Mate will be taking over from Aoife at the beginning of next week and we wish her a very warm welcome.

We are also delighted to welcome Jodie to our staff team. Jodie is an experienced Level 3 practitioner who has joined us a full-time member of the team.

We are very sorry to announce that Kelly and Lesley will also be leaving us at the end of this term. Both are very highly valued members of the team and we will miss them very much.

Kelly joined the Pre-School in 2015 and has worked in the roles of supervisor and both acting and deputy manager. She has taken a particular interest in outdoor learning, leading the sessions both on the school grounds, and more recently on our Forest School site. She recently completed her Forest School training. She is now going to take some time out to follow her interests and spend time with her family and friends. We will be recruiting for a new Deputy Manager and will keep you informed.

Lesley joined us last year, initially in the post of maternity cover. She kindly agreed to stay on with us until the end of this academic year, but due to a change in personal circumstances, she is now no longer able to do so.

We know that you will join us in wishing Kelly, Lesley and Aoife all the very best for the future.

### **Transition to school**

All the children have now been allocated their primary school places for September. We will continue to support them in their journey towards 'school readiness' and you should be hearing from the schools about transition visits very soon. Please be assured, we will support all the children in this, regardless of the school that they will be attending. If you have any issues or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your keyperson.

## **Fundraising**

Thanks to everyone who bought wristbands during National Autism Awareness Week. We raised a total of £51. These are still available to purchase – please do ask if you would like to buy one. It would be great to raise even more!

Thank you to Josie, Clare and Anne for running the cake sale at the Playground opening at the start of the holidays. Thank you also to those of you who baked (and bought!) cakes. We made around £260 on the day!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Quiz Night last weekend, and to everyone who donated prizes, bought raffle tickets or bid on the silent auction. The evening was a huge success and we will soon be in a position to announce the final sum raised.

Our next fundraising event will be at the Crowmarsh School Fete on Sunday 19th May. As last year, we will be running the bar. We would welcome help on the day. A sign-up sheet will be available nearer to the date. Please come along and support your Pre-School.

We will also be taking part in the Wallingford Carnival in June. This used to be a regular fixture on the Pre-School calendar, and we are delighted to be taking part in the celebrations again. Further details to follow shortly.

## **Sports Day**

This will take place during the morning of Wednesday 3rd July, with a reserve date of Wednesday 10th July. Further details to follow.

### **Dates for your diary**

School fair – Sunday 19th May

Wallingford Carnival – Saturday 15th June

Sports day – Wednesday 3rd July (Reserve date Wednesday 10th July)

### **Term dates**

#### **Term Five**

Monday 23rd April, 2019 - Friday 24th May, 2019

Summer Half Term

*Saturday 25th May, 2019 - Sunday 2nd June, 2019*

#### **Term Six**

Monday 3rd June, 2019 - Wednesday 24th July, 2019

**Inset Day July 8th 2019**