



# Cygnets News

## Introducing our new morning supervisor

Hello,

My name is Lillian Guyler, and as most of you know already, I am the new Supervisor for the Morning Team. I started working at Cygnets nearly 2 years ago, and really enjoy watching the children play and develop as their Pre-school year goes by. My own 2 children have been through the Cygnets "experience" and I know they have benefitted greatly from the early friendships made here.

I can only wish this for your children as well.

Some of you may have seen me around the village walking the dogs, but really, I am secretly practicing for the staff race at the end of term! We will start training for our special sports day after half term. I will miss the Pre-schoolers very much but am also excited about meeting the children from the afternoon sessions.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me. I am here to help.

## A note from Jackie

To all the committee and parents of Cygnets, a huge thank you to you all for all my lovely presents, cards and kind wishes you've all given me as I leave Cygnets. I love the ear-rings, an excellent choice (a gift given from the committee on behalf of all us parents). I miss talking to all of you, and of course your fantastic children, as that is what Cygnets is all about, the care and happiness of our children. We really have a great staff team who genuinely care for all the children who attend, I'm proud to say that I've been proud of that team. To all the committee members and parents who help out at the various fundraising events - thank you, as without you there would be no Cygnets. I've seen a lot of committees come and go over my time, and I think they've all enjoyed the experience, so, keep up the good work everyone, I'll miss you all. with lots of love from Jackie

## Fund Raising

### Easter Fayre

The Easter Fayre was a great success again this year, with lots of games to play, refreshments to enjoy, stalls to browse around, craft activities for the children and a great raffle. We hope that all those who came along had a great time.

The Fayre would not have been possible without your help so thank you to all those who kindly donated items for the different stalls and games, and thanks to the families who came along and supported the event on the day. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a **VERY** big thank you for those of you who gave up some of your time to help on the day, we really couldn't have run such a successful and fun event without you, and it wasn't just parents who kindly helped out, we also had some grandparents and aunties volunteer as well as a parent who's child attend Cygnets last year and a couple of friends of one of the committee members!! THANK YOU to you all.

The committee would also like to extend their thanks to local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle:-

The Milton Flower Shop  
Cheeky Monkeys  
Claudette Couture  
Curry and Pizza  
Dumbletons Photography  
Hotel Chocolate  
Katana  
Lion and Lamb Public House  
Milton Arms Pub  
Stephanie's Hair Design  
Strikes Ely  
Talking T's  
Tesco's  
The Dulux Decorator Centre  
The Lane Academy  
Wicksted Park

The grand total raised from the Easter Fayre was £740.

### Comic Relief

Please except our apologies as there was an error in our last newsletter. The grand total raised from the sponsored 'red bags' was £736 (not £368 as previously printed), therefore £368 has been sent to Comic Relief and £368 was raised for our pre-school. Thank you again to all those who took part.



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## Where does the fundraising go?

There are lots of ways in which our fundraised money can benefit the children at Cygnets.

We plan to buy some new resources for the pre-school in order to extend the children's opportunity to play with a variety of 'multi-cultural' equipment and have access to other languages. We also need to replace equipment that has been broken e.g. water/sand tray.

Thinking of the summer and hopefully some long, hot, sunny days to enjoy we plan to buy a gazebo in order to provide shade for the children while they enjoy playing outside.

We would also like our staff to attend some training courses in order to expand their knowledge and therefore help to provide our children with new experiences and an even more stimulating and safe environment whilst at pre-school.

## *Update from the committee*

### Play area

We are VERY pleased to announce that the outside play area will be surfaced with an all weather covering, work will commence on 1st June and is scheduled to last for 3 days. This will certainly extend to amount of time the children can enjoy outside play.

### THANK-YOU

We would like to extend a big 'Thank you' to Jane Purnell for all her work on the pre-school committee over the past two years. Jane and her family will soon be moving out of the village and we would like to take this opportunity to wish them all well. Jane has added her own message about being on the committee below:-

*I decided to join the pre school committee when we moved to Milton in 2007. I felt that it would be a good way of getting to know people, it has been.*

*The committee are really friendly and the meetings allow an opportunity for socialising which has been great.*

*I have also enjoyed being involved with the fundraising events in the knowledge that they will benefit the children at cygnets. Two of my boys have been at cygnets during our time in Milton and we all think that it is wonderful, being on the committee is a great way of giving something back.*

*Jane*

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **Monday 1 June - Pre-school closed for training day**
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Pre-school opens**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Closure Day**

Thank you from your committee,

Michelle Peters (Chair)	Helen Walker
Nicola Plumb (Vice-Chair)	Lucy Blatch
Katie Speak	Jane Purnell
Rodalyn Clark	Fay O'Neill
Clare Speed	