



Cygnets News



A Note from Jackie

Well, we're nearly there, the end of the summer term! We've just started to practice our races for sports day and the children have had their visits to primary school. All of the staff and the children are now enjoying our outside garden area, especially now the warmer weather has arrived!

Firstly I would like to update you with some staff changes. Sadly at the end of the summer term Tina Eales will be leaving us to further her ca-

reer in childcare as a Teaching Assistant at Milton Primary School. Some of our children who are leaving us to go to school will be able to see Tina at school when they start school in September. Sue Gray will be moving into the morning team of staff in September and will be in the pre-school every morning session. She

will therefore continue to key work her children throughout their pre-school year as they also move to morning sessions.

Also, Kerry O'Dell will be starting her maternity leave in September, but hopefully she will return to work with us at Cygnets later in 2009. We are of course advertising for new staff to fill these vacancies and I will let you know details of our new staff members very soon.

I hope that you will all be able to come to our



Sports Day on the last day of term, which is always an enjoyable action packed event, especially the extremely competitive Mums and Dads races!

Finally all of the staff would like to pass on our best wishes to those children leaving us to go to school, they have all been a pleasure to be with and we will miss them all!

Jackie, Sarah, Tina, Lillian, Paulina, Kerry and Sue

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!



Outside play area

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Diary Dates

- ◆ 10th July—Social Evening
- ◆ 12th July— Summer Village Fayre
- ◆ 18th July—End of Summer Term, Sports Day
- ◆ 21st, 22nd July—Staff Training Days
- ◆ 2nd September—Staff Preparation day
- ◆ 3rd September—Start of Autumn Term
- ◆ 13th October—Closure Day
- ◆ 27th—31st October—Half Term

Social Evening

Will take place on **the 10th July, Thursday at 8 pm** at the Jolly Brewers pub. Please join in and meet other parents, committee and staff members for the informal chat in the relaxed atmosphere and find out more about how the committee and preschool work. We hope to see you there.

Cygnets is a charity relying on the **committee** consisting of parents and careers. We are always happy to talk to those who would like to contribute in some way or join the committee. If you are interested, please have a chat with any of the committee members or Jackie. There are many ways in which you could get involved, however much time you could commit, and maybe explore your own interests or skills. Joining the committee would allow you to have a say in preschool matters, get to know other parents and feel part of the local community.

'Lighthouse Toys' vouchers

We are collecting the vouchers from 'Lighthouse Toys'. The shop offers a stamp for every £10 pounds spent. The stamps add up to allow us to get some new equipment either free or at a reduced cost. They can be collected from the shop till the end of August; the Pre-School will collect them now and in September. We will use vouchers to purchase new toys at the start of term.

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Milton PreSchool

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PM Sessions 12:30—15:00

Summer Fayre

On **Saturday July 12th**, Milton village will be hosting its annual Summer Fayre. Cygnets will be there and we need your help to make it a success. We are asking for donations of full and empty (with tops) wine bottles for our bottle stall. Thank you to all those who have already donated.

We will also need volunteers to help with our bottle stall throughout the afternoon and the evening and with children's bar in the evening. We

are raising funds for your children's pre-school, also part of the proceeds made at this event will be donated to a leukaemia charity. Please can you spare ½ an hour to help. You could always combine it with a family day out as there will be lots of attractions for children at the Fayre. The helpers rota will be displayed at the Pre-School. You are welcome to talk to Jackie or committee members if you have any questions.

Pre-Schoolers Summer Trip to Mole Farm

This year our pre-schoolers went to Mole Hall for their annual trip. We had perfect weather and the children had a fantastic time. They saw lots of different animals and birds such as chimps, guinea pigs, goats, cows, sheep, flamingo's, ducks and peacocks which were showing off their tails! We went on a tractor and trailer ride around the deer enclosure, where children

could feed the deers and their babies. There was lots of other entertainment such as play areas, a sand pit, a hay climbing frame and a 'squirry maze' with little jets of water coming our way. It was a great day for all of us.



Big Toddle



On the 26th June we took part in the Barnado's Big Toddle. Morning and afternoon children walked proudly with the staff, parents and careers and received medals and certificates after their walk. We are still collecting sponsorship money. 75% of raised funds will go towards Barnado charity and 25% towards the Pre-School. Thank you for all your efforts! For more information about the charity go to the website: www.barnados.co.uk



COMING IN SEPTEMBER.....THE NEW 'EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE'

All staff at Cygnets are currently receiving training on the new Early Years Foundation Stage. This new framework brings together the principles from the Birth to Three Matters Framework, the Curriculum Guidance for the Foundation Stage and The National Standards for Under 8's Day-care and Childminding. From September 2008 the new EYFS will become mandatory for all schools and early years providers in Ofsted registered settings where young children attend from birth to the end of the academic year in which a child has

their fifth birthday. A key element of the new framework is 'Positive Relationships'. Therefore at Cygnets we are currently looking for ways in which to reduce the amount of paperwork our staff have to complete. This will enable them to spend more time playing and building warm, trusting relationships with your children. This process will in turn, allow staff to plan effectively, catering for each child's individual needs and interests therefore supporting their learning more effectively.

We will of course keep you informed of any changes to our practice in September.

Sports Day – End of Term

Ours Sports Day will take place on **the 18th July, Friday** at 10am and will start with the official opening of our outside play area, followed by the pre-schooler's presentation and

races for all the Cygnets children as well as for Mums, Dads and the staff...After the races we will have a picnic. See you there!

This will be the final day of the year for children to attend the Pre-School. July 21 and 22 will be training days for the staff—there will be no sessions on these days

Cygnets Leavers

Is your child leaving Cygnets this summer to go to school in the Autumn? If so, do you have any Cygnets's sweatshirts or T-shirts in good condition which you will no longer require? Would you be willing to donate them to Cygnets for our 'Nearly New' sale at the beginning of the new school year? Any contributions gratefully received. A box for collections will be available during the last week of the summer term. Thank you
Nicola Plumb

Committee Members

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