

The Orchard *Committee Newsletter*



May 2021

Welcome to our regular newsletter for a round-up of the latest news and information from The Orchard Pre-School.

Things seem to be gradually returning to normal at last and we are very excited about some upcoming events to look forward to in the next few months.

Staff news

Firstly, we are bidding a fond farewell to Monika who after almost three years as Supervisor, and seven years in total at The Orchard, has decided to move on. She has done a wonderful job managing the pre-school and making it such a welcoming place for our children - she will be greatly missed!

We are also very happy to confirm that Jess will take on the role as Supervisor following Monika's departure. She has been an excellent deputy and we are confident that The Orchard will continue to go from strength to strength. Furthermore, Clair will be taking on the role as Deputy Supervisor so please do congratulate them both when you see them!

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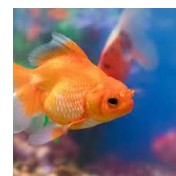


The Management Committee at The Orchard is made up of parent volunteers. Legally, we are required to have a committee with at least 5 members on order for the pre-school to operate. As a number of children will be leaving in July, we will be losing some current committee members.

Being part of the committee is an excellent opportunity to have a say in the running of The Orchard, and also a great way to meet other parents. It is only a small commitment of one meeting per half term and then helping out at fundraising events where possible. If you would like to be a part of the team, please email chair@theorchardps.org.uk or speak to one of the committee members at the upcoming coffee morning (see below).

The fish tank

During the Easter holidays we gave the fish tank a new lease of life. Clair took charge of the revitalisation and the fish tank now looks amazing! There is a new group of goldfish in the tank, along with a variety of new decorations, including jellyfish and plants. It is once again an interesting, attractive resource for the children to enjoy. Thank you very much to Clair for improving it!





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Fundraising

We are very excited to announce a couple of fundraising events that we will be holding this term when more people will be able to meet outside. We are hoping to raise funds to go towards the construction of a new covered outside area for the children.

Coffee morning – Friday 28th May

Join the committee, staff and children for cake and drinks in The Orchard garden at 10.30am on Friday 28th May. There will be fun games and activities for the children and it will be a lovely chance for parents to get to know each other, after over a year of minimal contact! Children who do not normally attend on a Friday are more than welcome to come along – we politely request that parents/carers must continue to take responsibility for them.

Sports day – Saturday 3rd July

Celebrate the end of term with a fun morning of sports and snacks on the field (weather permitting) next to the park in Little Milton. This annual event is a highlight of the year at The Orchard, the children love taking part in the races and games which they have practiced beforehand. Then we all bring along some food to share afterwards. We will send out more details about the event nearer the time but please put it in your diary and remember to invite grandparents and other family members along too!

Snacks



Just a reminder that we are asking for a voluntary donation of £2 per half term towards the children's snacks. Please either make your donation directly to The Orchard Pre-School bank account (Account no.: 27476089, Sort code: 09-01-54), or pop the money into the donation box at the entrance gate.

Moving on

If your child is moving on to Primary School this year, please ensure that you complete a withdrawal form and hand it in before the end of this half term. The staff are working hard on all the transfer paperwork, which ensures your child's new school is aware of their progress. Any donations of your deposit will also be very greatly appreciated.





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We look forward to meeting you at one of our forthcoming events! Best wishes and stay safe,

The Orchard Committee

Nicola, Katie, Sarah and Natasha

Useful Dates

Friday 28th May – Coffee morning (10.30 -12)

Friday 28th May – last day of half term

Monday 7th June – return to school

Saturday 3rd July – sports day (10.30 – 12.30)

Tuesday 20th July – last day of term (finish 12pm)

