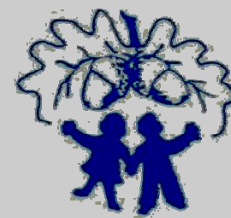


Acorn Under-Fives Newsletter



May 2011
Issue 171



Acorn says a big "Hello" to **Archy Bratton** and **James Pose** who have joined us this term. We hope you are settling in and having fun at Acorn Under-Fives!

... and don't forget
16th - 20th May 2011

**Walk
to
School!**



Acorn Sports Day

Sunday 12th June (11am - 3pm)

- ★ Prize for every entrant
- ★ Bouncy Castle !
- ★ Hotdogs, Cakes and Refreshments
- ★ Beer Tent
- ★ Stalls, Raffle Prizes and much more

Donations for raffle prizes please
(to be handed in by 7th June)

IMPORTANT !

Please return your child's form by 26th May
(so personalised certificates can be made)

Open to Acorn
family and
friends

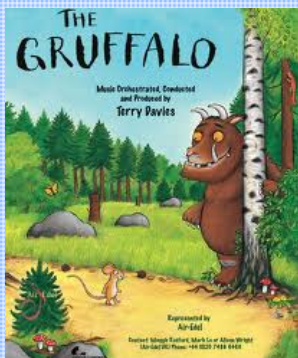
Volunteers Needed
to help on the day
Call Dawn
07789 954 886



Diary of Events



Friday 27th May **Movie Night!**



We all love **The Gruffalo!** - so here's an opportunity for the children to come along to Acorn and enjoy one of their favourite films with their friends. Details to follow. Supervised by Acorn staff - 5 - 6pm.

£4.00 a ticket (includes hotdog, popcorn and milkshake)

6th - 10th June

Volunteer's Week

Come along to Acorn and discover what goes on during your child's sessions - Mums, Dads and Grandparents are **all welcome**.



A rota will be up in the small room during the week before. **Please put your name down.**

Thursday 9th June

New Parents Evening



An informal evening to meet and chat with current parents, staff and members of the Acorn Committee. Wine and nibbles. Details to follow.

13th - 17th June

"Calling all Dad's . . ."

Can you spare some time to visit Acorn? See what your child gets up to at Acorn. Help out with some jobs and activities or just join your child in their play. Perhaps you can share something about your job with the children?

The children love to see parents helping out.



Father's Week

A rota will be up in the small room during the week before. **Please put your name down!**

Diary of Events

20th - 24th June

Fancy Dress Week

Superheroes



Firemen

Fairies

Dressing-up time !! - Children can dress-up as anything they like and bring small prizes to be used in the Lucky Dip for the Oaklands Summer Fete. Details will follow.



20th June



Gray's Farm Visit

A fun visit for parents and children to Gray's Farm in Heathlands Road to find out more about the fruit and vegetables we eat! Details to follow

Congratulations to Becky!

Congratulations to Becky on her beautiful baby boy - his name is **Reggie** and he's gorgeous !



Free Books

Please take a look at the **Scholastic Book Club** magazine sent out in your child's Acorn bag recently.

Remember . . . the more books that parents buy from this catalogue, the more vouchers we get towards **FREE** books!

Please shut the gate !

Please make sure that you shut the Ellis Road gate behind you at the lunchtime sessions

French classes

A French teacher has contacted us about doing 30 mins sessions with pre-school children. It will cover basic vocabulary and is done through singing and games.

**Please see Jo for more details and to register your interest.
01344 752752**

Extras!

First Aid

We are looking to set up a course for parents to learn about First Aid and basic emergency care.

Please let us know if you'd be interested in either a daytime or evening slot — the course is for 3 hours and would cost £30.

Call Acorns on **01344 752752** or email **admin.acornunder5@weyfs.org.uk**

Acorn fees are now due. If you have any queries please contact Justine Wells on 01344 752647

Fees

"Welcome!"

Welcome to Julia and Ester who have recently joined us to cover for Becky while she is on her Maternity Leave

Vouchers

'Active Kids' and 'Tesco for Schools and Clubs'

We would really like to use the vouchers to enhance our sensory and physical opportunities, so please get collecting and place the vouchers in the boxes in the small room.

The last day for Active Kids Sainsburys vouchers is **31st May**.

Tesco for Schools and Club vouchers ended on 8th May, so if you've got vouchers at home please collect them and put them in our box !

Thank You ! - Your efforts are really appreciated and make a huge difference.

Fundraising Update

Well done to Sam for organising the Easter Garden Party.

It was a great afternoon and we raised £236



The Sponsored Listen was very successful and we have £273 worth of books to choose from Usborne Books

Textiles Collection

We are having another **Textiles Collection**. So if you're having a Spring clearout, please donate all your unwanted clothing, fabric and textiles to Acorn. Bring it in bags/bin liners and leave in the Acorn playground. All funds raised go to Acorn Under-Fives

The Pampered Chef and Coffee Morning raised £68.

Acorn needs

If you'd like to get involved with raising funds for Acorn this year then please help !

Get in touch with **Sam Saunders** !

It's for the children and their environment - you'll be surprised just how much fun it can be!

Please contact Sam by email samandtim@hotmail.com or speak to a member of staff.

YOUR help !

Information . . .

Safe Parking in Ellis Road

As agreed with Oaklands Schools and local police, the safe parking arrangements for parents to park cars when bringing or collecting children is as follows:

Park on the **SCHOOL** side of **Ellis Road** in the morning when bringing the children to school, and on the **OPPOSITE** side when collecting them after school. It is considered vitally important that the Zig-Zag area is left clear.

Furthermore, cars should not park opposite the zig-zag lines in the evening. It is felt, however, that a completely satisfactory arrangement will never be arrived at because there are just too many cars in that small stretch of road. The situation could be relieved somewhat if the children were brought by car only when really necessary.

Committee Members

Just so you know who does what for the Acorn Committee.

Photos should soon be up in the small room so you know who we all are.

Chair	Steve Holgate	07970 233522
Secretary	Claire Gibson	01344 771400
Treasurer	Julie Smith	01344 771317
Payroll Officer	Jenny Horman	01344 752042
Fees Officer	Justine Wells	01344 752647
Admissions Officer	Joanne Watts	07876 135880
Health and Safety	Emma Tunbridge	07855 005502
Child Protection Officer	Sheena Ager	01344 752274
Purchasing	Joanne Miller	07939 131393
Fundraising coordinator	Sam Saunders	samandtim@hotmail.com
Newsletter Editor	Sue Clayton	sue@clayts.com

Non committee members who support the staff and committee.

Website Editor	Tim Ager	timager@hotmail.com
H R Officer	Dawn Holgate	dawn.holgate@hotmail.co.uk

Committee of Acorn Under-Fives, Butler Road, Crowthorne 01344 752752
admin.acornunder5@weyfs.org.uk



Diary dates

16th May	Library visit
16th - 20th May	Walk to School Week
27th May	Movie night (The Gruffalo)
30th May - 3rd June	Half Term
6th - 10th June	Volunteer's Week
9th June	New Parents Evening
12th June	Sports Day (Sunday)
13th - 17th June	Dad's Week
20th - 24th June	Fancy Dress Week
20th June	Gray's Farm visit
25th June	Oaklands Fete
July t.b.a	Visit to Wisley Gardens
11th - 15th July	Beach Week
21st July	Term ends
22nd July	Party Day

Newsletter by email

Email us your contact details to receive this newsletter by email - if you don't already.

admin.acornunder5@weyfs.org.uk

(You will need to respond to the confirmation email to confirm your request.)



Also, please check your junk mail settings to accept mail from Acorn



Acorn Under-Fives
Butler Road
Crowthorne
01344 752 752