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Term 2 2014/15 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have two new children joining us this term and we would like to say a big hello to Iona and Zachary.

Committee

Following our AGM in October, we are pleased to advise you of our current committee

Joint Chair: Natalie King / Jennie Perry
Treasurer: Sarah Cornelius
Secretary: Emily Wolton

Committee Members: Becky Holmes
Edwige Le Monnier-Taylor
Sally Chen-Compton
Laura Short

New members are always welcome. We will advise you of our next meeting.

Diary Date

We plan to have a Christmas celebration for the children on Friday 19th December. We are unsure of what form this will take at the moment. If there is a parent group that would like to take charge of the party element, we would be very grateful.

Parents meetings

We have decided to change our twice a year parents evenings to more valuable parent meetings arranged on an individual basis. Your child's key person will speak to you to arrange a date to meet.

Pick up

For parents with older siblings in the school, we are happy for you to collect your child from 3.10 pm to enable you time to get to your older child for 3.15 pick-up.

Snow closures

In the past few years we have experienced significant snow fall during the winter months, which unfortunately meant that on a couple of occasions the school and pre-school were unable to open. As always, the safety of the children, parents and staff is a priority when making the decision to close. If the pre-school/school is closed due to snow, we will endeavour to make contact with everyone in the unit via email. In the event of snowfall please check your email before venturing out, thank you. Peach Tree closure information will be placed on the Heart FM website www.heartoxfordshire.co.uk School closure information will also be on Oxfordshire County Council website.

Operation Christmas Child

A reminder for filled shoe boxes to be brought in by Friday 21st November.

Clothing

As the weather becomes more wintery – We do encourage the children to explore all the resources available to them, both inside and outside, they will therefore require a suitable outdoor coat and footwear to enable them to do so. Please remember to send children in clothing and footwear that is not precious and will stand up to the elements of play.

Parking

Can we please remind parents/grandparents and carers of the safety reasons for the yellow zig zag lines immediately outside the school. The lines are a no parking zone to ensure there is an unobscured view for pedestrians entering or leaving the school. If there are other adults who drop off or collect your children, could you please pass on the importance of keeping this area clear.

Pre-school Fees

If you have any queries or questions regarding fees or payments, please contact the administrative assistant, Mrs Short, who can be contacted through the pre-school or shorties@btinternet.com
Please see/contact Karen Locke with regards to sessions and admissions.

Parent Help Rota

As always the parent help rota is up on the notice board for any parent wishing to come and spend a session (or more) with us at the pre-school. We are always very grateful for your help and it's a great way to gain an insight of how your child learns through play at Peachtree. You are welcome to come and join our play, if you feel you would like to do an activity, share a skill, talent, job role or experience etc. or read a story at group time, please let a member of the team know.

Nut Allergy

We have several children at the pre-school with a nut allergy.

We must therefore stress that children's lunch boxes must not contain nuts or any products containing nuts. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to keep Peach Tree a nut free environment.

Thank you for your continuing support

The Foundation Unit Team