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## SUMMER TERM 2008 NEWSLETTER No 1

### Term Dates

Summer	Tue Apr 8th - Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Half Term: Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> May
Autumn	Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Half Term: Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct

PLEASE NOTE THIS TERM IS 13 WEEKS BECAUSE WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO CLAIM FUNDING FOR 13 WEEKS. THERE IS NO SECOND INSET DAY THIS TERM.

**New Children** Welcome to Toby, Rhys and Connie who have joined us this term.

**New Staff** Mrs. Dominique Hodges joins us as a part time Nursery Assistant. Dominique spent time with us doing work experience and helping out earlier this year. She hopes to combine studying for her NVQ in Childcare with her hours at nursery and we are pleased to welcome her to the team. Mrs Mattina and Mrs Golding have both been invaluable in helping out with supply and continue to do so whilst Mrs Mariotti is away. We have also just appointed Mrs Sam Menter as Special Needs Assistant. Sam has extensive experience in this area across all age ranges. We are pleased to welcome her to the team also.

**Parent Committee Meeting, The George, Wed 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm** If you are on the committee please let me know if you will be attending. Committee member names are on the parent board at the front of the hall. I will be looking for several new members to join the committee this term. Please let me or one of the committee know if you are interested.

**Our Web Site is now Live!** Forms are being sent home this week for you to sign regarding consent for your child's photo appearing on the nursery website. Do also to check out our lovely new site on [www.greatamwellnursery.co.uk](http://www.greatamwellnursery.co.uk). The site allows you to print off forms such as change of sessions, or uniform requests, check dates/ opening times or catch up on the news at nursery from home or at work. There is a lovely section with parent advice and even a section on shopping! Feedback and further ideas welcome.

**Change Over at 12 O' Clock** Until the pathway to the rear of the hall is completed this is all happening at the front door. The Parish Committee are aware that we need the pathway completed asap and have assured us that this will be top priority once the building work commences. We have been advised this will be before the end of term but no dates have been given as yet. Once the work is done we hope to welcome the afternoon children via the rear doors whilst morning children will leave via the front door, hopefully easing congestion and speeding up the process. We think that the rear of the hall will also be a much safer place for the children to wait as it is away from the car park.

At present the staff are trying very hard to manage the transition at 12 noon as efficiently as they can so please bear with them. The children must be signed in and out of the register for safety reasons and the morning children need to be signed out ideally before the

afternoon children come in to ensure we remain within the numbers on our Ofsted registration certificate. Your support in ensuring you are at the door on time (particularly if collecting) would be much appreciated. If you have any feedback or ideas to further improve the change over please speak to Mrs. Bonner or Mrs. Raja.

**The Outdoor Classroom is now Open!** The children are really enjoying playing outside, we have been donated a sandpit, a water table and a trampoline by parents to use outside. Mrs. Bonner will be doing some planting as well so the children can enjoy watching things grow.

**Trip to "The Willows" Farm** We hope to arrange a visit "The Willows" farm near Potters Bar for the children and their parents / carers for this year's Summer Outing after half term. Communication will be sent to you nearer the time.

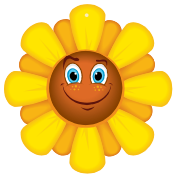
**Parents Evening** will be on **Wednesday 25 June 6pm – 9pm** to provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their keyworker. A rota will be put up at the door the week before for you to put your name against your preferred time slot.

**Changes for September Sessions** Please let me know **AS SOON AS YOU CAN** if you require any changes/ increases for your child for their September sessions. At half term any spaces remaining for September will be offered to new children so get your request in asap. Forms are available on the web site (go to "about us / opening times" or from the Nursery leaflet baskets or email Mrs Raja on [greatamwellnursery@googlemail.com](mailto:greatamwellnursery@googlemail.com)

**Early Years Professional Inspection** As the final stage we had an inspection on the 8 April. Thank you to the parents and staff members who helped ensure this day went smoothly and were interviewed as witnesses on behalf of the setting. Also to St Johns school for providing us with an interview room. We will find out the result sometime in May and will keep you posted.

**Nursery Uniforms** Sam Robb (Madeline and Mackenzie's mum) is now in charge of uniforms so please can all forms / orders and requests be given to her. We will allocate a space in one of the drawers on the hatch where uniform orders can be placed and these should be addressed to Sam Robb. We do highly recommend ordering the T shirts or sweat shirts to save your child's own clothes whilst they are at nursery. Thank you.

Thanks for your continued support and enjoy the half term as the weather (hopefully!) continues to improve.



Mrs Raja and the Nursery Team.