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Little Owls Pre-School Newsletter

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Committee Changes

At our AGM on Tuesday 23rd October we accepted the resignation of Amanda Sing as our Chair and Nicky Boundy as our secretary—we would like to thank them for all their hard work in those posts but are pleased to say they are both staying on the committee which means we can use their wisdom and experience!

Amelia Joyner stood down as treasurer but was successfully voted in as our new Chairman—we wish her luck with the role. We are also delighted to welcome Hannah Cumings as our new secretary and Tina Ley as our new Treasurer with Teresa Selley as Vice-Chair supporting Amelia. We are also happy to welcome Jo Dart to our committee but are sad to lose Rachel Horsnell as Lauren is now at school.

There is a new list of contact numbers on the noticeboard for all the committee but here are the numbers for:-

Amelia Joyner 01884 881777

Hannah Cumings 01769 551710

Tina Ley 01769 550309

Teresa Selley 01769 550112

Welcome and Good Bye

The pre-school gives a warm welcome to Billy and Ella and their parents and wishes the following children the very best on their move up to the school in January 2008

- Sebastian Jones
- Tabitha Kyte
- Eleanor Sanders
- Fraser Boundy
- Jack Pincombe
- Tilly White

Christmas Bazaar

We are holding our Christmas Bazaar on **Tuesday 27th November** at the Village Hall, please come and support the evening and bring family and friends. There will be a number of stalls, a raffle draw with a hamper for the main prize, guess the weight of the cake and mulled wine and mince pies.

There will be a note going onto the noticeboard for donations for the raffle—please have a look and give what you can.

Supervision and Experience

In Jackie Parker's absence we are delighted to have Karen Dart as our Acting Supervisor—Karen has recently passed her NVQ 3 and is qualified to cover for Jackie. This is great for the children as they have a familiar face in charge and great for us and Karen's development in her career.
Shaney Boyles from Bishops Nympton will be joining the pre-school as part of her CACHE childcare course with East Devon College. She will be working with us for one session a week.

Rota Reminder

A little reminder of the importance of the parent help rota—it is essential for every person to be on time (11.20am) to help pack away—we are a bit stretched this term with parent help and it is important that we clear up in time for school lunches and to pick up our children—if anyone arrives early and sees a session that needs a hand please pitch in—thanks very much

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Dates for the Diary

Open Day and Nativity

We have planned our Open Day and Nativity Play for **Friday 21st December.** Please feel free to invite grandparents or other family along to see the children. Last year's play was wonderful and it is great to have a look at the displays of the staff and children's hard work over the term. **Please note if you do not attend your child will need to be collected by 11.30am on this day.**

Pre-School Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will be held on **Tuesday 18th December** for the children, we will be putting up a food list nearer the time so please add your name to any items. Thank you.

Pre-school Parents Night out

Arranged for 15th December at Old Snare and Gin Trap. If you would like to come please add your name to the list that will be appearing on the noticeboard shortly.

End of Term

Last day of pre-school is 21st December 2007 and **Spring Term starts** again on Tuesday 7th January 2008.

Night Out—with Band "Cover'd"

Shelley's brothers band is playing on 30th November in the Village Hall in aid of the North Devon Hospice and our pre-school. Please support this event—further details will appear on the noticeboard.

Angie's Absence

As we do not have an administrator at the moment please could you hand any cheques to Amelia Joyner, Tina Ley or Jackie Parker alternatively pop them into the chairman's or treasurers tray for collection. Any questions contact Amelia

Session Request Forms

Just prior to Angie's resignation we started a new form for new parents to complete for session requests. Now that Angie has finished we need the new process for requesting new places and additional sessions or changes to your current timetable. A letter will appear in your trays with a form that needs to be completed before the end of term detailing your requirements for your children for the following term. Amelia and Jackie will be working together on these forms. So please speak to them if you have any queries.

Attendance Reminder

Please could all parents inform Jackie when their children are absence from pre-school. We are obliged by OFSTED to mark the register correctly. If your child is poorly please phone Jackie on 07747398399 that morning and let her know, if your child is going to be absent due to a holiday then a holiday request form needs to be completed and authorised by the pre-school at least two weeks prior to absence. Forms are available on the noticeboard or from Amelia

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