

Chuffs

Summer term 2009

Dear Everyone,

Welcome back. I hope that you all had a great Easter – we certainly did in church with our Easter Angels flying around us!

Farewells

I'm sad to say that over Easter Sandie told the other leaders that she is no longer able to help on Tuesday mornings due to family commitments. I know we'll all miss her hugely – who's going to sing 'Jack in the Box'? I keep forgetting the words! The good news is that Sandie is hoping she may manage to pop back from time to time.

After over 6 years of marvellous, messy fun, I have decided that the time has come to stand down and I will be leaving CHUFFs at half term. I've enjoyed my time immensely, and will miss all of you but it's good to know that I'm leaving CHUFFs in the very capable hands of Gillian, Elaine, Libba and Lesley. I know they will appreciate any help you can offer.

Money Matters

After much deliberation at our last meeting, the leaders have decided that we will have to raise the suggested weekly donation which has been static at £1 per family for the past 6 years. The money helps cover the costs of refreshments, crafts, birthday, Christmas, Easter and leaving gifts and cards.

From next week we will be asking for £1 for the first child in a family group and 50p for every subsequent child. Please remember that this is only a *suggested* donation and if you are unable to pay this, please only pay what you can comfortably afford. No-one will be checking up on you and nobody will ever be turned away for lack of money!

Fire Drill

We have been advised that we need to have a termly fire drill, giving you advanced notice of when this will happen. We thought it would be useful to recap our procedures for you before this!

In the event of a fire the leaders will direct you to the nearest fire exit. Please leave all belongings and move calmly to the exits with the children in your care. Our fire meeting point is the car park. Please congregate there where a leader will call out the names on that days register to make sure we're all out safely. No one must go back into the building until we are told it is safe to do so.

This is also a timely reminder that it is essential for everyone to sign in on arrival!

Arriving in church

To help things flow smoothly as we arrive in church for our Chuffs story time, we've decided to have a couple of the leaders by the door to help you find the children's names and put them onto the 'church' board and then take you into the tower for the children to ring the bells. We're hoping that this will work alright; feedback always welcome!

Outing

The leaders thought it might be a good idea to have a CHUFFs outing at some stage in the summer term. It would be helpful to know if you would be interested in having a trip out and if so where; all suggestions to Lesley who is already investigating possibilities.

This half-terms programme is on the back of this letter.

Best wishes,
Elizabeth