



## PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CLUBS NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year!

**Tomorrow is the last day to apply!!**

## **Admissions to infant and primary schools**

Applying to start infant and primary school for the first time.

Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 (inclusive) will be starting Reception from September 2018.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/admissions-infant-and-primary-schools>

**Term dates-** We will finish this term on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. There will be after school club that day. We return to business as usual on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February..

**Afterschool Club-** If your child attends a club after school, or is going to miss a session or be attending another club, please let us know. It saves staff time, by **not** having to look for a child, or ring you at home/ work to see where they are. This can delay activities starting as it affects staff ratios to cover all areas.

## Preschool

**Junk modelling-** As many of you know we get through a great deal of junk modelling across all the clubs, so we would be grateful if you could collect and bring in interesting boxes and packaging, to enable all the children to participate!

**Outdoor Explorers-**We will be restarting with Outdoor explorers next week. You should of received a letter, requesting your permissions, if your child is participating in this venture, this half term. If you have any

suggestions for us around places your child may enjoy visiting, or if you would like to come with us, please speak to your key person.

**Preschooler's belongings-** Please can you check your child's belongings to ensure there are enough things for changes (including shoes) during the day. Please make sure they have warm coats, hats, gloves etc. and suitable footwear, for the time of year.

**Please make sure everything is labelled including lunch boxes!!**

**Nut-free-**Please note we are a nut-free setting, as is the school. If you are providing packed lunches please make sure you cut up grapes and cherry tomatoes.

**Nappies-**Please provide nappies/ wipes and cream if you child is at this stage and discuss toilet training with your key person, when required. It is important we are consistent to help children with this important aspect of their development,

**Breakfast club-**If you are have a child that is just attending preschool sessions starting at 9.00am. Please note we cannot let them come into until the sessions start time at 9.00 due to ratios. Some parents with preschoolers pay for breakfast club, therefore they may appear to be dropping off early however in reality they are arriving late for breakfast club, not early for preschool!

**Collection-** If you need to speak to your key person at collection, could you please come into the preschool, rather than at the door. With the numbers of families we have it is difficult for staff to manage this hand over of children when there are conversations taking place in the doorway.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything further please feel free to contact me.

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**I have been asked to share the following:-**

## **French Club**

French clubs for children aged 2-10 in Cumnor and Botley, and have a few spaces for the new term. This is being run by Lorraine Watson-Parris

**Web:** [www.enjoy-languages.co.uk](http://www.enjoy-languages.co.uk)

**Tel:** 01865 865 067

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**Botley Bridges and Botley Branches are holding a favours auction:-**

## **FANTASTIC FAVOURS AUCTION**

**PLEASE DONATE A PRIZE OR AN EXPERIENCE TO SELL AT AUCTION  
RAISING FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!**

You could pledge Consultancy, Training, an Exciting Experience, or Delicious Goods!!

Botley Bridges and Branches are looking for **Fantastic Favours**. Favours can range in value - Legal Help to Make a Will, an IT health check, a Balloon flight or a Holiday in a second home - or items such as a bottle of whisky, dinner for two, dry cleaning or gardening. We are grateful for all favours!

Your **Fantastic Favours** will really make a difference to Families living in the Botley, Cumnor and West Oxford area and will be sold at auction on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018, to raise vital funds.

*It only costs £30,000 per annum to run services for families  
with young children at Botley Bridges!*

Botley Bridges is a charity which supports families through inclusive Play and Learn sessions, running parenting courses, paediatric first aid courses and supporting children's learning. Botley Bridges are committed to supporting families from different cultures and backgrounds with the aim of creating a strong local community. The organisation runs activities for families in the Summer holidays, encouraging families to explore local outside spaces. Plans for the future include activity days for disadvantaged children from low income families who do not necessarily have a holiday.

Branches Young People's Support Service is a social enterprise founded to support local young people. Branches aims to open a Youth Café during the Botley West Way development, serving the community with young people at its heart. Branches needs to match-fund equipment for the kitchen to make the Café a safe and vibrant place for young people to socialise and learn skills.

Bridges and Branches are hosting a **Fantastic Favours Auction to raise £5000** for these good causes.

The auction is on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> and tickets will be available in January.

To pledge a **Fantastic Favour** please contact Andy Marsh email [andymarsh58.biz@gmail.com](mailto:andymarsh58.biz@gmail.com) or mobile 07498 563636 with your **Name**, Company name, Contact number and e-mail, details of your **Fantastic Favour** (include any time constraints/ reserve price). If you have any questions contact Sue Dowe (Botley Bridges) on 0749 856 3636 or Diane Long (Branches) on 0755 798 1769.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

**YOUR SUPPORT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO LOCAL FAMILIES.**