

# Sydenham Road Under Fives Newsletter



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Under Fives**

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## Message from chair

Summer's here and the busy end of year approaches. We've had a great year with some fantastic fundraising events and I'd like to say a big thank you to my fellow Committee Members and to our lovely staff for all the hard work they've put in. Also, a big thank you to you; our users, especially new parents and carers who have got involved this year. SRUF is here for the local community and your continued support is vital to ensure we remain so.

While we're all off on our summer holidays, exciting work will be taking place. You may remember that last year we secured a grant from Bristol City Council to renovate the kitchen area and improve disabled access. The work will be taking place over the summer and will provide a great resource for Playgroup children to use. It will also make it easier for us to provide refreshments at Toddlers and fundraising events, so we look forward to making use of this in the autumn. In the meantime, enjoy your summer...

## Hitting the Standard

Staff at the pre-school have been working really hard and we are pleased to announce they have achieved the 'Bristol standard' status once again.

'The Bristol Standard is a self-evaluation framework to help individual settings to improve on their previous best. It involves working together on developments to improve outcomes for all children and families and takes a year to complete.

In using the Bristol Standard, practitioners become part of a process that protects and celebrates the wonder of childhood through well-informed and reflective practice' - as quoted from: [www.bristol-cyps.org.uk/early/bristol-standard.htm](http://www.bristol-cyps.org.uk/early/bristol-standard.htm)

This is a tremendous achievement and the committee would like to thank all those involved in making this happen.

## Fundraising

Since the last newsletter, several fundraising events have taken place and thanks to everyone's hard work and support the following amounts were raised:

Ladies Indulgence - £600  
Photographer – not yet confirmed  
Sponsored bike ride - £300  
Cake Sale - £139  
Redcatch funday - £110

Well done everyone and especially our fantastic fund raising team Hannah, Helen and Anne-Marie!

The last fund raising event for this year is a much called for social event for parents, the '**Summer Shindig.**' This will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July, tickets are available at SRUF sessions or you can pay on the night - £3 for a single ticket or £5 per couple. Book your baby sitters now and come to the Jarman Hall for a relaxed evening including DJs, drinks and snacks.

## Thank you and Farewell

Alison, our Friday toddler leader, has recently left SRUFs. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

## Toddler leader Vacancy

There is now a vacancy for a Friday Toddler leader and the deadline for applications is July 9<sup>th</sup> see posters at toddlers for details.

## Committee Vacancy

Sadly Zoe, our brilliant secretary, is stepping down from the committee. We would like to thank her for all her hard work, dedication and organisational skills! Consequently we are now looking for a new **Secretary** to start as soon as possible. See posters at SRUFs for more details or contact Zoe directly if you want to find out more about the role on 07837 190117.

If you are interested in this role or would like further information, please contact: srufbs4@yahoo.co.uk or phone Jackie Freeman on **0117 977 3603**

Many committee members will be stepping down in September as their children move on to school so whilst relaxing this summer why not consider taking on a new challenge in September by joining us. SRUFs is a charity run by parent volunteers for local parents and really does rely on your support and input to continue running.

## Current toddler leaders

Monday – Louise Cox

Tuesday and Wednesday – Rachel Whitwell

Thursday – Laura Ward

Friday – TBC

## Please keep the Toddler gate shut

Following a recent incident where a child was able to slip out onto the main road at the end of session, can we please remind parents to keep the double gates shut as you exit the downstairs hall. We understand it is difficult to manage a buggy up the stairs whilst watching an older sibling and would like to remind parents that toddler leaders are happy to help watch children whilst you're taking buggies outside. Please help each other as much as possible and ask the toddler leaders if you want them to wait with your child.

## Music with Mummy/ Jolly Babies Animal Magic Summer Specials:

Looking for something to entertain the children over the holidays? Hannah is running Animal Magic summer specials on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Bring a favourite animal (not real!) or dress as your favourite animal and join in an animal themed music and singing party. Stay for a picnic too. Everyone welcome, you don't need to be a current customer. For full details contact Hannah on 377 8167

## Dates for your diary

### July

- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – 'Summer Shindig' 8pm Jarman Hall
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent feed back meetings to be held during playgroup sessions
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Playgroup end of year show and graduation ceremony

### September

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Inset day
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Term 1 begins at Playgroup
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Toddler sessions begin and Playgroup parents open meeting at 7.30pm

Thanks to the nice people at **A Cappella café and pizzeria** on the Wells Road for once again sponsoring this edition of the newsletter.

**A Cappella is now open from 8am on Tuesday – Friday for a trial period.**  
Why not pop in for an early morning coffee?