



# BOP Newsletter



May/June 2014

Please read the newsletters—they contain important information like term dates as well as news

## Term Dates

Term 5 ends on 23rd May 2014. Term 6 starts on Tuesday 3rd June.

## New Trustees

We are very happy to announce that BOP has a new Board of Trustees. Julie Dyer, Head of three Ways School is the new Chair and will be supported by Marjorie Furber and Becky Belben. Marjorie worked as a physiotherapist at Three Ways and many of you will already know Becky as she has a child at BOP.

## Michelle

Welcome back to everyone and a warm welcome to new families who are joining us this term. Thank you to all our staff, students and volunteers for your hard work and dedication to BOP. We look forward to another fun term and enjoying some warmer weather!

## Healthy Early Years Project

We are continuing with our Healthy Early Years (HEY) project this term. The children have really enjoyed putting together and then eating new dishes. We have produced some recipe cards of the most popular recipes for you to try at home. Look out for two new ones at the start of Term 6.

We have also been working towards the physical aspect of the award. Children have been on regular trips to local parks and have enjoyed playing on all the equipment. We have also been utilising the halls at Three Ways and using lots of their specialist equipment.

## Charitable Status

- BOP is a registered charity and depends heavily on donations and grants to be able to continue to provide our services.
- We are pleased to announce that we have received a grant of £1400 from Genetic Disorders UK to help us provide Speech & Language Therapy. We have also recently been awarded £2280 from Jessie's Fund that will fund Music Therapy next year. We are in the process of applying for more funding for this service. If you have any ideas for fundraising please let Helen or Michelle know.
- We also have some lovely new collection tins in the office that can be placed in local shops or pubs to raise money for BOP. If you know of anywhere that would have one for us please let Helen know.
- Thank you to all parents and carers for all your ongoing support.

### Volunteers

We have a new volunteer starting with us in May. Jill Sullivan will be spending time with us each Thursday. She is already works in a mainstream setting and is volunteering with us to extend her knowledge and experience of SEN.

### Leavers

Many children will be leaving BOP in July to continue their educational journey at school. It has become a tradition to hold a Leavers Party where we can say goodbye to both the children and their parents. Hopefully the weather will be good and we will gather in the garden for food, drinks and a chat. We welcome all families, including those who are staying with us next year. Put Thursday 17th July at 1pm in your diary!

Please make sure that your child has spare clothes (including socks) at BOP and that they have plenty of nappies and wipes. Also please can you check at home to see if you have any BOP clothes that your child has come home in. We are running very low on



### Sunny Weather

We are sure that you are all hoping for sunny weather just as much as we are! So that we are prepared if the sun pops out please can you bring in a sun hat for your child. We will also be putting up a form for you to sign giving us permission to apply sun cream to your child. If your child needs a specialist sun cream please can you ensure that we have some here?

### Courses for Parents and Carers

We have received information from Brighter Futures about some courses they are running at Three Ways School that may be of interest to some of our parents.

**Positive Behaviour Management:** supporting the emotional and social needs of children aged 0-11. To understand the various causes of challenging behaviour and explore a range of practical strategies.

9.30-11.30 19th May Cost £5.

**Makaton Taster Session:** To provide a general insight into what Makaton is and who uses it. You will have the opportunity to learn 30 Makaton symbols and signs.

1.30pm—3.30pm 23rd May Cost £5

For more information and a booking form please contact the office.