

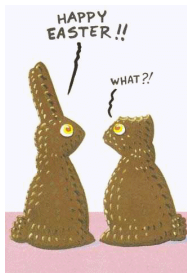


WAKOOS Centre4Children Newsletter

Issue 4

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Dates to remember

- 10th – 13th April - Easter Weekend
- 20th April - Summer Term starts
-  23rd April - St. George's Day
- Monday 4th May - May Day Bank Holiday
- Sunday 9th August - WAKOOS Family BBQ
More details coming soon

Easter Eggs



No-one actually knows when eggs were first used as symbols at festival times but it was long before Jesus' time. Eggs were always thought to be special because although they do not seem alive, they have life within them especially at springtime when chicks hatch out.

Long ago people gave gifts of eggs carved from wood or precious stones. The first sweet eggs that were eaten were made in the last 100 years from sugar or marzipan. Since then chocolate eggs have become popular and these are given on Easter Sunday.

Staff Update

Easter Cover

Becky will be on holiday over Easter so Management cover will be provided by Caroline Hobbs. The Office will be closed from 7th to 13th April but e-mail will be monitored.

New Arrival



Congratulations to Hayley who has given birth to a little girl, Taylor. Mum and baby are both doing well.

Nursery Manager

We hope to be making an announcement on the new Manager appointment very soon!

Easter Activities



There are tons of things going on locally for Easter.

- Billingshurst Children and Family Centre has a number of activities - please take a flyer from WAKOOS.
- Horsham "Piazza Italia" Car Rally is on Good Friday and Easter Saturday along with an Italian market, local produce and crafts. All in aid of Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice
- A number of places are having Easter Egg Hunts (see next page for details of local ones)

For more Information on Children's Easter activities in West Sussex log on to www.primarytimes.net

Easter Egg Hunts over Easter weekend



- Fisher's Farm Park (lambing has begun early!)
<http://www.fishersfarmpark.co.uk/>
- Petworth House Sat 11 to Mon 13 11am-4pm. All tickets £4 (01798 3422907)
http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-events-find_event.htm?propertyID=249
- Pulborough Brooks (Fri 10- Mon 13 10-4, 01798 875851)
<http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/p/pulboroughbrooks/events.asp?id=tcm:9-207011>



Reminders

Extra "Ad Hoc" Sessions

If you require any additional "ad hoc" sessions, by all means please call ahead of time and we will check whether we have sufficient resources available to accommodate your request.

If we are able to fulfil your request, we either need you to fill out an "Extra Session" request form OR email Office@Wakoos.co.uk to confirm.

Verbal messages may not be recorded and therefore could be forgotten.

After School Club - Absence

If your child is normally collected from School by WAKOOS Staff, **PLEASE** let us know before 3pm if they will not be attending ASC. This is to save our staff and children from waiting around while we look for your missing child. Thank you!



Garden Update



Newly planted in the garden this month is an apple tree 'Sunset' donated by Juliete Wilson and Amelia Chandramani whose children have attended Wakoos. The tree type is recommended by the National Fruit Council - with beautiful compact red fruits that the children will be able to help themselves to in the late summer.



Southern Water have donated some water butts and given the children some water saving tips. The rainwater will be used to water the plants in the vegetable and flower gardens. Plants much prefer rainwater!

A big Thank You to all those families who returned the Garden development family inputs. We will be putting all of the results together to support the Plan. Watch the board for updates, thank you, Mel and Linda.

For more information on each phase in the Garden development, please visit the Garden page on the Website www.wakoos.co.uk or email Linda Douglas at Garden@wakoos.co.uk



Chatterbox Challenge

Thank you to all parents and children who took part in this year's Chatterbox Challenge which raised £393!

Thanks to the support of Openreach, every penny of the money you raised will help I CAN give more children a voice, giving them a chance to join in, make friends, and realise their true potential.

For further information on the Children's communication charity visit www.ican.org.uk

Tesco/Sainsbury's Vouchers

A reminder that we're collecting vouchers for Tesco Computers for Schools and Sainsbury's Active Kids.

Please see collection boxes at Wakoos - your donations are appreciated!



Website

Much of the Website is now completed although some areas are still a work in progress.

We hope the site will fulfil all existing and prospective parents' information needs. There are some interesting updates on the Rooms, Garden, latest Newsletter. Please log on to www.wakoos.co.uk

The screenshot shows the Wakoos website homepage. At the top, it says 'WAKOOS.CO.UK' and 'Registered Charity No. 1111337'. Below this is a navigation menu with links: Home, About, Newsletter, Garden, Registration, Fees, Contact, Calendar, and Links. The main content area features a 'Welcome!' message with a photo of a child and an adult at a table. To the right, there's a section titled 'Rooms by age group' with icons for a kangaroo, koala, and giraffe. Below the photo, there's a paragraph about Wakoos being a non-profit charity providing quality childcare.

All feedback is welcome!



If you have your own Business and would like to add a link on our "Links page" please email nova.bridle@wakoos.co.uk

Forthcoming Events



Billingshurst Summer Carnival 21st June

As previously mentioned, WAKOOS will be doing a float for the Billingshurst show this year. The float will have a Jungle Theme.



WAKOOS Summer BBQ - Sunday 9th August

We're planning a Family Fun day for all parents, children and staff.

Further details of both events to follow later

Offers



The 20% Discount Offer to Parents and Staff who join the RAC has been extended to 30th June.

Please contact Steve Bridle on 07966 602056, or e-mail Patrolman2056@aol.com for details (FSA Regulated)

Florida Villa for Rent



Thinking about visiting Disneyworld Florida? Fabulous detached 4 bedroom family villa for rent - sleeps up to 10, own pool, 8 minutes from the Magic Kingdom. For more details, availability and photos visit: <http://www.vrbo.com/172391>