



# Trinket Box Newsletter

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Thursday 21st June—Parents Evening 6.30-8.30pm
- Friday 22nd June—Visit from John Gardiner JKG Karate (email to follow)
- 29th June—Sports and Family Fun day with Crazy Ryan in the afternoon
- 13th July 4.45-7pm—Trinket Box Prom (school leavers only- invitation to follow)
- Monday 16th July—Friday 20th July (non funded week so ensure you have told Annabel whether you are paying for your sessions this week, if you normally receive funding)
- Friday 20th July—last day of term (for parents paying for the last week)
- Friday 7th September—First day back for returning children.



## Our Final Fundraising Finale!

As we head to the end of this academic year it's great to reflect on the past year of fundraising and how you have contributed to making Trinket Box what it is today!

We've had a busy year and the committee have worked tirelessly to provide resources to improve the childrens experience here. Many thanks to our current committee Bobbie, Sam, Gemma, Sonia, Martin, Michelle, Karen and Nicola, plus past committee members who have moved on as their children have left us.

Our fundraising events have included a fun pub quiz at the Castle, Easter raffle and 'find the item' for the children to do. We've also had a wine tasting evening at the Pipe of Port and lastly a Golf Society fundraiser at Ballards Gore Golf Course. We've raised funds to revamp our childrens computer area, create a nice new book corner, plus renewed some of our much loved toys! Many thanks for all your support.

**Next fundraiser is our Sports and Family Fun day on Friday 29th June.....BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!**

**These fundraisers collectively raised a WHOPPING £1755.30!!**



**Trevor** (right) who was overall winner of the Golf day!

**Jeff** (middle) nearest the pin winner.

**Paul** (left) putts for £. Thanks to all who participated on the day together with **Martin Herron**, our committee member, organiser and owner of 'FITTED' who sponsored all the trophies for the golf event.

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

Due to the large intake at Greenways this year, transition visits are 'needs based' so not all children will visit the school with staff from Trinket Box regrettably.

However, your children are all familiar with the school grounds, they have interaction with older pupils and school staff when the school are using the back field and there is a parent and child visit next week, so I'm sure they are ready for the next chapter of their lives.



Whichever school your child is moving on to, we communicate with them by either exporting the Target Tracker learning journey records (if they use Target Tracker) or by printing a complete summary of your child's progress levels so the new school know exactly where they are regarding the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum (EYFS). We also give them the folder containing report copies and artwork, plus anything else you may have contributed.

In July you will receive an end of year report from us plus a disc containing all images on your child's records. It's a nice keepsake and something to look back on in years to come.

It's sad to see the children leave us (some are practically part of the furniture if they started here at age 2 years!) but another exciting chapter will unfold for them and we wish them all the very best for the future.

### QUOTE CORNER— THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK!

EVERYTHING YOU SAY  
TO YOUR CHILD IS  
ABSORBED, CATALOGUED  
AND REMEMBERED

MARIA MONTESSORI

We've heard the saying 'it's like talking to a brick wall' often. Subconsciously you are probably being listened to! Children are like little sponges, absorbing an incredible amount of information and language.

Just be careful what is being said as even a muttering under the breath can be relayed later in an innocent form.

We are referring to swearing, please remember it's likely to be repeated so PLEASE refrain from swearing in front of your child!

Thank you

## PARENTS EVE/AGM/GRAD & GROUP PHOTOS/FUNDING FORMS

**It's all happening on Thursday 21st June!** Don't forget to book your parents evening slot and come to vote for the committee for another year at our 7pm AGM. We need 32 votes (one per family) to enable us to continue to trade moving forward. If we fail to achieve 32 votes at 7pm, we can hold on for 1 hour to see if this is possible. Failing that, an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) will be called, which is likely to be on sports day compromising the sports, to see if our minimum number of votes can be realised. It sounds like a hideous amount of red tape but that's our legal obligation.

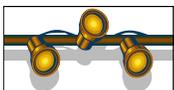
Autumn funding forms will be available to be signed on the same night (if you cant make it we will catch up with you at a later date). For new funding applications, you will need your National Insurance number.

Graduation and group photos will be available for purchase also. There are NO proofs for these. To lower the cost, the photographer produces prints and these are sold at a cash price only of £10 each or 3 for £25. We believe this year he will also be willing to produce an electronic version and we will have details of this on the night. Please bring small notes with you to avoid an issue with change being given.

### Can you help us?

Do you have any of the following items you could donate:

- Old microwave (doesn't have to work)
- 'Girls World 'type dolls heads (for doing hair)
- Empty hair styling bottles (hairspray, gel, shampoo, conditioner)



### Staff Members of the Month



If you feel that a member of staff has gone over and above the norm please nominate them for 'Staff Member of the Month'.

The Committee takes into consideration all the nominations and then awards two staff members with the title. Your input DOES count. ALL nominations are read and shared. Nominations can be made using the nomination slips in the foyer, or by email to [annabel@thetrinket.org.uk](mailto:annabel@thetrinket.org.uk) or [natalie@thetrinket.org.uk](mailto:natalie@thetrinket.org.uk).

The last staff members selected were Rebecca and Michelle and this month we have Ross and Amanda.

**Well done to all staff concerned but I hope you all agree that we have a fabulous team!**

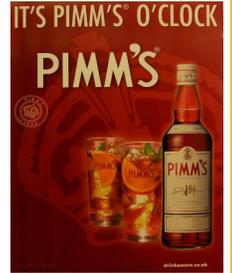


## COMMITTEE FOCUS— COME AND JOIN US!



Well, another busy term has been and gone here at Trinket Box and for some of us, it will soon be time to say goodbye to the team at Trinket Box as our children move on to the next step in their learning journey.

But it isn't over yet! We have an exciting Sports day planned for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June when we, the committee, ask for donations of cakes for the ever popular cake sale and we are also planning to support Greenway's PTA at the Summer Fayre by helping to run the Pimms stall. If anyone would like to help at either of these events then please just speak to one of the committee or Annabel and we will be delighted to welcome you.



Recent fundraising events have gone from strength to strength with family members enjoying the Golf Society day out and the fantastic wine tasting event which was held at The Pipe of Port. As you will be aware, Trinket Box is a charity and without your support at events like these to raise vital funds, Trinket Box would struggle to continue. Therefore, we are very grateful to all those who have supported these events and others, and ask that even more of you come along and enjoy the fun in the future.

Finally, we are always keen to welcome new members to the Trinket Box committee. As children move on to 'big school' we sometimes lose members and without a committee, Trinket Box would not be able to run. The committee are a friendly group of current and ex-parents who meet once a month to discuss issues such as fundraising, staffing, premises and other issues involved in the day to day running of our pre-school. Being a part of the committee can be a really rewarding experience and enables you to be involved and have your say on decisions impacting your child's experience here at Trinket Box. If anyone would like to be involved in any way, then we would love to hear from you via any of the current committee members or Annabel.

Before we go, thanks must go to Verity who has worked hard on the committee this year; she is moving to Scotland for the next exciting chapter with her family. We wish you all the best Verity, and thank you for all your hard work.

Trinket Box Committee

