



Busy Bees News

April 2008



Welcome back to Busy Bees at the start of the Summer term. Hopefully the weather will start to improve shortly! We hope you all had a good Easter and are working off all the chocolate!

It was lovely to see so many new faces last term, please everybody remember how daunting it can be when you first come along to a toddler group so if you see someone who hasn't been before do introduce yourselves and make them welcome.

We also have some new little people to say hello to! Welcome Mollie, born 15th Feb, a little sister for Keira-Ann. Congratulations Cheryline and Len. Also welcome to Elsie, born at the end of February, a sister for Luca, well done Michaella and Marcus!

Last term saw some very successful fund-raising and a lot of fun at the Easter event and race night. The latter raised an incredible £825 (plus £750 from Barclays Bank!!) not only this but I think everyone who came along would agree it was a great night out. If you missed it this time we will hopefully have another one soon. Many thanks to Pat, Claire and all at the Rising Sun for holding this event for us.

This term we have the nearly new sale and, of course, the Gala to look forward to.

Some of you may remember that we have in the past had a bring-and-buy table and "For Sale" board. We plan to re-introduce this, so if you have any items to sell through Busy Bees, please put an advert on the board or bring small items, labelled with price and your name, to sell up on the stage.

Isleham Under Fives Association

Registered Charity No. 294978

nearly new sale

Saturday 24th May
10am to 12 noon
at Isleham Village Hall

Baby & Children's Clothes (age 0-5)

Maternity Wear

Toys, Books

Equipment

Buggies, Prams etc

All items excellent quality

Grab a bargain!

50p entrance

Refreshments available

To register as a seller please call 01638 780902 or ask at the Pre-School or Busy Bees for a form

Isleham Gala

The gala is on Saturday 5th July. Last year we won best float so we have standards to maintain!

Do you want to be involved? Have you got any good ideas on what we can do this year? Can you help with props etc for the float?

We are going to have an informal meeting to discuss ideas on **Tuesday 29th April from 7:30pm in the Rising Sun** everyone welcome.

THE EASTER "EGG" STRAVAGANZA

The Easter Event on Saturday 8th March at St Andrew's Social Centre was a great success. The huge turn-out surprised and delighted us and everybody seemed to really enjoy the egg hunt, bouncy castle, stalls and games. The display of hand-crafted Easter bonnets was fantastic, such a lot of effort obviously went into making them. We would like to thank all the local companies who helped us, in particular Isleham Co-Op for their kind donation, Eric Tennant of Newmarket for donating so many sausages and to Thompson's Farm, Isleham; Powters, Newmarket and B.S.Guest Building services for their help with our BBQ.



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Thank you also to all the mums and dads who gave up their time to help with the event. We raised £475.08 on the day and this is kindly being matched by Barclays Bank, giving a grand total of £950.16. We hope to hold the event again next year.

Photos of the event, kindly taken by Zoe French, are on display on the table if you would like to order copies.

IUFA 2008 Sponsored Bounce

Thank you to everyone who took part in the sponsored bounce, what an amazing result. You raised £560.55! This money goes to IUFA which helps run the pre-school and Busy Bees.

The prize for the best costume went to Tabitha who came as Tigger! Keira-Ann bounced an astounding 129 times and thank you prizes for money raised went to Annaliese (an incredible £187.50), Tabitha (£81) and Keira-Ann (£62) but everybody's contribution and effort was fantastic.

Thank you.



The Birth Order of Children

Your Clothes:

1st baby: You begin wearing maternity clothes as soon as your doctor confirms your pregnancy.

2nd baby: You wear your regular clothes for as long as possible.

3rd baby: Your maternity clothes ARE your regular clothes.

Preparing for the Birth:

1st baby: You practice your breathing religiously.

2nd baby: You don't bother because you remember that last time, breathing didn't do a thing..

3rd baby: You ask for an epidural in your eighth month.

The Layette:

1st baby: You pre-wash newborn's clothes, colour-coordinate them, and fold them neatly in the baby's little bureau.

2nd baby: You check to make sure that the clothes are clean and discard only the ones with the darkest stains.

3rd baby: Boys can wear pink, can't they?

Worries:

1st baby: At the first sign of distress, a whimper, a frown - you pick up the baby.

2nd baby: You pick the baby up when her wails threaten to wake your firstborn.

3rd baby: You teach your three-year-old how to rewind the mechanical swing.

Dummy:

1st baby: If the dummy falls on the floor, you put it away until you can go home and wash and boil it.

2nd baby: When the dummy falls on the floor, you squirt it off with some juice from the baby's bottle.

3rd baby: You wipe it off on your shirt and pop it back in.

Nappy Changing:

1st baby: You change your baby's nappy every hour, whether they need it or not.

2nd baby: You change their nappy every two to three hours, if needed.

3rd baby: You try to change their nappy before others start to complain about the smell or you see it sagging to their knees.

Activities:

1st baby: You take your infant to Baby Gymnastics, Baby Swing, and Baby Story Hour.

2nd baby: You take your infant to Baby Gymnastics.

3rd baby: You take your infant to the supermarket and the dry cleaner.

Going Out:

1st baby: The first time you leave your baby with a sitter, you call home five times.

2nd baby: Just before you walk out the door, you remember to leave a number where you can be reached.

3rd baby: You leave instructions for the sitter to call only if she sees blood.

At Home:

1st baby: You spend a good bit of every day just gazing at the baby..

2nd baby: You spend a bit of everyday watching to be sure your older child isn't squeezing, poking, or hitting the baby.

3rd baby: You spend a little bit of every day hiding from the children.

Swallowing Coins:

1st child: When first child swallows a coin, you rush the child to the hospital and demand x-rays.

2nd child: When second child swallows a coin, you carefully watch for the coin to pass.

3rd child: When third child swallows a coin you deduct it from his allowance!

Nearly New Sale

On Saturday May 24th, 10am to 12noon in the village hall we will be holding a Nearly New Sale of baby items. The sale will work in a similar way to the NCT sales. You will be able to register as a seller and receive a seller pack. You then label your items clearly as instructed, and we sell them for you. You will get most of the money raised, with a small proportion going to the charity. You do not need to be present at the sale, but we would welcome volunteers and those helping set up would get first pick of other people's items. Items to be sold at the sale would include good quality children's clothes, toys, books and general baby items – highchairs, baths, feeding equipment, pushchairs, buggies etc.

If you would be interested in selling items at this sale please let us know. We are also gratefully accepting good quality donations of items. These will be sold 100% in aid of Isleham Under Fives Association.

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Diary Dates

29th April Gala meeting, 7:30pm Rising Sun
24th May Nearly New Sale 10-12 Village Hall
27th May Half Term: No Busy Bees
5th July Isleham Gala

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