

Newsletter



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Introduction

This newsletter gives you an update on the Before and After School Clubs and Holiday Playschemes run by Churwell Out of School Group.

February Half term

Playscheme will be running as usual over the half term from 17-21 February at Back Green. Booking forms are now available.

What's new?

We have used the Methodist Church at Back Green since Easter 2002 and children and staff enjoy the facilities we are able to provide there. It provides us with lots of indoor space but we do not have access to an outdoor play area. We are also aware that the walk to and from school along Elland Road, especially in bad weather, can be off-putting for some parents and so numbers have not built up as we had hoped.

We were unable to open in Churwell School due to lack of space. However we have had discussions with Mrs Curtis, the new Headteacher, about the possibility of a move to Churwell School in September 2003 when some space may become available as numbers in Reception and Year 1 reduce. We will keep you informed of progress.

P.S. The planning permission sign outside refers to the original church i.e. the Hobson & Lee building next door!

Funding (or lack of it!)

The Group opened with a grant from the New Opportunities Fund which helped buy equipment and pay staff wages as numbers built up. We received our last payment in the summer and have been financed through fee income since then.

At the moment this does not cover all our costs and we need to increase the number of children attending the before & after school clubs and playscheme so we can achieve a self financing position in the near future. If you know of any

parents who need childcare please pass on our details.

We have made a bid to the Local Network Fund but will not hear if we are successful until the beginning of March. If you are aware of any schemes that provide funding, however small, to voluntary groups please let us know and we will follow up.

Management Committee

We will be going through a lot of change if the move to school is successful and need parents to join the Management Committee to see these changes through. Our constitution aimed to have annual elections once we had established ourselves so if anyone is interested please speak to Cath or Julie.

Thanks for your support.

Cath and Julie; Linda, Michelle and Jeanette.