



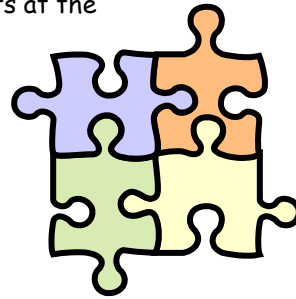
# Yeovilteenies PTA Newsletter

## Committee Update

With Ellie proceeding on Maternity Leave next month, Amy Smith has volunteered to take over as the Chair of the Committee until Ellie returns to work in the Winter.

The committee aims to act as the link between the parents, the base and the nursery owners and staff. As such, we're always keen to hear your views on how you feel the nursery operates and any suggestions you have for improvements at the nursery.

There are still some positions to be filled on the committee; anyone interested in joining the committee should talk to Amy or Louise. All parents are welcome to attend the termly committee meetings.



## Infrastructure Update

With funding from the MOD, the Nursery has been able to replace all of its blinds so that the rooms can be kept cool and dark at nap times.

The Nursery has been granted extra land by the station and now has access to all land within the curbstones surrounding the building. Quotes are being sought to determine the cost of moving the boundary fence of the garden out to the curbstones; this move would provide the children with a bigger outdoor playing space.

The owners have considered requests from the parents to change the entry procedure, so that the inner double doors are locked and parents are allowed to enter into the foyer and wait there for a member of staff to meet them. It is hoped that this change will take place over the Summer term.

Later in the year road markings will be put in place to denote a 'Nursery Drop Off' area outside the front of the building.

## Yeovilteenies Expansion

Yeovilteenies can currently only offer 1 childcare place for every 100 service personnel based at RNAS Yeovilton and the base has the fewest nursery places per 100 service personnel across the Naval Bases/Establishments. There is therefore a desire to increase the capacity of the nursery, potentially to 90 places, and 2 options are being scoped:

- 1) Build an extension on the current site.
- 2) Refurbish part of the old Senior Rates Mess.

Planning of the expansion is still in the early stages and your thoughts and comments on any future expansion are welcome.

It is intended that the garden will be refurbished (funding permitting) once there is clarity over expansion plans.

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### Dates for the diary:

31 May—Base Families Day

June TBC—Sponsored Toddle

July TBC—Garden Party

July TBC—School Leavers Trip to Kingston Maurward Animal Park

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# Fundraising Update

The Nursery raised £79.10 for the PTA from the personalized Christmas Cards, Mugs and Tea Towels and Louise aims to use the company that produced the personalized Christmas Cards again in the Winter Term.

The pre-loved sale in February raised £273.80 for the PTA, with further funds to be added to the total from the sale of some of the pre-loved items on auction sites. The footfall at the pre-loved sale was low, hampering the sales of some of the stall holders and therefore future sales will be coupled with a family event at Tall Trees. The PTA would like to thank all parents who donated items/cakes to the Yeovilteenies Stall.



The PTA used some of the funds raised to pay for half of the Forest School Sessions, with the MOD Welfare Grant paying for the other sessions. We intend to support another set of Forest School Sessions in early 2018 so watch this space!

Future fundraising events include:

- 1) Goldenball Lottery—information will be available from Rachel shortly
- 2) Sponsored Toddle around Lytes Cary—Date TBC
- 3) Small stall at Families Day—details TBC
- 4) Foreign Currency Collection

Funds raised from all these events will go directly towards improving the nursery experience for our children by improving their surroundings, contributing towards trips and visitors to the nursery or by contributing to equipment purchases. Please let the PTA know if you have any suggestions for future fundraising events or items or activities that you would like to be supported by the PTA.

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## PTA Questionnaire

Please return the completed form below to the envelope in the Nursery foyer by 30 May 17.

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Volunteer to join the committee?</b>	
<b>Is there anything in particular that you would like the Welfare Grant/PTA funding/other sources of funding to cover? Ideas for visits/trips/improvements to the nursery environment?</b>	
<b>Do you have any fundraising ideas for the PTA?</b>	
<b>Would you like to join the PTA mailing list? If so or a volunteer please provide an email address.</b>	