

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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September 2012: Children release balloons with their wishes for the year attached.

Happy Birthday Treehouse!

The Treehouse will be celebrating its first anniversary in style on our first day back, **Wednesday 4th September**. Children should wear their birthday clothes and be prepared for a day of reflection, anticipation and good fun!

We would be most grateful if parents could provide something either savory or sweet for a buffet-style birthday lunch. To avoid duplication, please let Jo Heydon know what you are planning to send in. Also if any younger siblings, friends or relatives wish to join us for some party games, they would be most welcome from 2.00 pm. Finally, we would love you all to join us at 3.00 for a cup of tea and piece of cake.

Forthcoming Dates for Your Diary

Term Starts	Wednesday 4 th September
Treehouse Birthday Party	Wednesday 4 th September
Nature Walk at Little Wittenham	Thursday 5 th September tbc
Friday Forest Millennium Woods	Friday 6 th September
Police Open day at Sulhampstead	Sunday 8 th September

Wallingford Parish Church Choir - Love singing? Saturday 7th September, 2 - 5 pm

Find out more about our Junior Choir. Youngsters aged 6 and above who love singing are invited to 'Come and sing' with Sue Ledger, Fiona Price and the junior choristers. Experience a typical rehearsal (with a break for refreshments) and see what fun we have at the choir! We will be singing a wide range of music and give a short performance for parents at 4.30 pm to show what has been learned.

Email or phone Sue to book a place (doctorsue25@hotmail.co.uk
Tel: 07770 362 571)

Never was so much owed by so many to so few...

It doesn't seem possible that this time last year, we were working our socks off transforming Number 37 into The Treehouse School. The help that we received from parents, relatives, and friends old and new, was beyond belief. There was a real feeling of strength and support for this new venture, as well of course as some apprehension.

A year on, we are delighted with what has been achieved. Our children have adjusted well to their new setting and are thriving. Still well supported by a strong and ever-growing team, we feel honored and privileged to be able to continue to offer the Treehouse children an alternative education, which will equip them with the skills, qualities and attitudes that they will need for a happy and successful future. We can't thank you enough for the help and encouragement that you have given to enable this important project to go ahead.

Summer Concert

Just to let you know the final total raised at the Summer Concert was an amazing £842.50. Huge thanks to you all for your support, especially to John Paul for his outstanding performance and of course to Alison, Sally and Lorraine for organising this event.

Desert Island Disc

If you were going to be stranded on a desert island, and could take one piece of music, what would it be? We would like to invite you to share your favourite piece of music with us. Please let Jo Heydon know what your favourite track is and why. We shall enjoy listening to a different choice each week.



Going for Gold!

How about...?

Here are some things that you could do before we start our new school year.

- Complete the questionnaire that you have been sent, thinking carefully about each question before you answer it.
- Think about which smart area you would like to improve this year.
- Measure your sunflower - how is it doing?
- Pick some holiday news that you wish to talk about when we come back to school on Wednesday. Perhaps you could bring something in to show us too.
- Think about something that you would like to learn more about or do at The Treehouse this year. Would it be a good thing for us all to do?
- Houses: Practice the italic handwriting patterns that you were given at the end of term.
- Trees: Practice letters in the 'c' family.
- Make something delicious to eat at our birthday buffet with help from an adult if you need it.
- Make The Treehouse a birthday card or present.
- Have you got any trees in your garden? Find out what species they are.
- Pick some blackberries and make a pudding or some jam with them.

To Celebrate...

Ollie has learned how to ride his bike!

The Treehouse has been given permanent planning permission.

Gracie is dancing at the Bunk Fest.

The Treehouse Garden is producing lots of delicious vegetables.

Any more for any more? Please let us know if there is any more good news that we could share.