

Hallo!

This term has been a really enjoyable and happy one at **Inkpots**. More children than ever before have been coming to the groups and some amazing work has been produced. But I think that more importantly lots of friendships have been made.

Not only have children from different age groups mixed within their school's **Inkpots group**, but our Holiday Clubs bring children from different schools together.

It's really rewarding to see the children working and socialising together – and there is lots of fun as well!

It's a time of change for lots of **Inkpots** children but I do hope that everyone has a lovely long, hot summer holiday.

See you all soon!

Gill x



Holiday clubs

We're running two Inkpots in the Holiday sessions in August – 6 and 20 August (Thursdays). Both workshops will be held at Southway Junior School from 10am – 12noon. The cost is £13.50 with an early bird discount to £12.50 for bookings before 23 July.

These sessions are proving to be very popular and really enjoyable. The extra time means that we can really settle down to do some lovely work and complete a project in the time. We also think that the cakes we have for refreshments help the creativity!



Inkpots on Instagram

Inkpots is now on Instagram! If you are as well, please follow us. Instagram offers a really good platform for sharing our activities and some of the children's work as well. We're following the new children's laureate, Chris Riddell, on it and it's great for seeing his amazing work literally in progress. We have also sent Chris a selection of the children's work and hope to hear back from him soon.

We are also on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **GooglePlus** and **Pinterest** – I am also on **LinkedIn**. We use these social media outlets on a daily basis and share information about books, authors and workshops which we think are interesting – as well as our own news. In particular, among our Pinterest boards is one called Inspirations which is just full of fabulous stuff if your children (or you!) are looking for ideas to boost creativity.



Goodbye and good luck

Two of our children from Bolnore Village Primary – **Abby** and **Jonathan** – are heading off to America to start a whole new adventure this summer. They and their family are moving to New York – and we wish them all lots of happiness.

We will be staying in touch though!

To join us in the creativity, give us a call on 01444 239548

Website

Our lovely website continues to be a big hit and most of the children regularly ask for work to be posted on their pages. Please do take a look at their work – the password for those sections is **Notebook1**.

Particularly popular is the chance to put news onto the site and it's a really lovely to be able to share the children's other activities. It's been very interesting for them all to see what each other gets up to away from **Inkpots**.

Over the summer, we will be updating the site and adding some new things such as ideas for story structure and organising story lines. **Please look out for the changes!**

Inkpots for adults Just a quick reminder that we run a **reading group for adults** which meets once a month in Burgess Hill. We have recently started a group for **writers** of all stages – **more details are on the website or please speak to Gill**.

Bethany wins our summer writing competition

Congratulations to **Bethany** from our **Manor Field Inkpots** on winning our writing competition this term. Really excitingly, Bethany wrote a play and you can read it on our website shortly. Bethany won a £10 book token and received a special certificate as well.



Our Warden Park Primary Academy groups

It has been great to be back at **Warden Park Primary Academy** again this term. Because of funding, we haven't been there for a while but there is always such a lovely welcome! Some really great writing and illustrations have been done with our two groups – and there is so much enthusiasm and passion there.

Thanks for having Inkpots back!



Year 6 leavers

We have to say goodbye to our **Year 6** children this term – some of whom have been coming to **Inkpots** from the very first day nearly three years ago.

We will miss you all but lots of good luck goes to: **Joe, Maisie, Abby,**



Chay, Bethany, Rosie, Katie, Evelyn, Mikey, Mia, Sophie, Niamh, Connor and Kyan.

We are looking to start a new group up for our leavers – none of the secondary schools can facilitate this so one of the jobs over the summer is to find a suitable space and time.

We'll be in touch on this one!

Happy Summer Birthdays

Lots of children are celebrating birthdays in the holidays.

We wish:

- Katie
- Sophie B
- Rosie
- Alice
- Jonathan
- Joe
- Mia
- Emily
- Tilly
- Sophie S
- Bethany
- Evelyn



...a very happy birthday!

Price rise

With a somewhat heavy heart, we are increasing the cost of the workshops to **£3.75 per session**. This decision has been put off for as long as possible, but print costs in particular have been going up. **Please do contact me if this causes your family any particular problems.**

See you in September!

Inkpots returns to the schools on the following dates:

Bolnore Village Primary: 14 and 16 September

Manor Field: 16 September

London Meed: 18 September

Southway: 24 September

Dates for **Warden Park Primary** are to be confirmed.

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