



# NEWSLETTER

## November 2009

Welcome to our Novembers newsletter.

BANG! There goes another one,  
Screaming as it goes.  
It's getting high,  
Up in the sky,  
And fizzle - there she blows!

WHOOSH! Up high above the house,  
Behind a trail of sparks.  
Yellow, orange,  
Red and white,  
Exploding in the dark!

As you are all aware Emma has now moved onto our nursery in Apsley where she is enjoying all the new challenges she is facing in her new role as Deputy Manager. You should have all received a letter regarding the changes of staff deployment throughout the nursery due to Emma's promotion I have included the staff deployment below for your information.

Younger Babies – Jen and Emily  
Older Babies – Claudia and Heather  
Toddlers – Sam and Shakila  
Pre-School – Yvonne, Steff and Denise

We would like to introduce Bhawna to you all she is joining our nursery team and will be getting to know all the children in all the rooms.

If you have any questions please speak to the Room leader who will be able to answer any queries you may have.

## Babies

What a busy time we have all been having in the little baby room this month, we have been very busy doing lots of painting, colouring and sticking and exploring. The babies have had fun exploring all the leaves as they have floated down off the trees in the garden, some of us even tried to have a little munch on them but they where not very tasty.

We looked at Diwali and did some rangoli patterns by sticking some different coloured sand onto the patterned paper.



We have been using lots of brightly coloured paints and glitter to make bright fireworks that whoosh through the air we have made a little display on the window with a little bon fire in the middle.

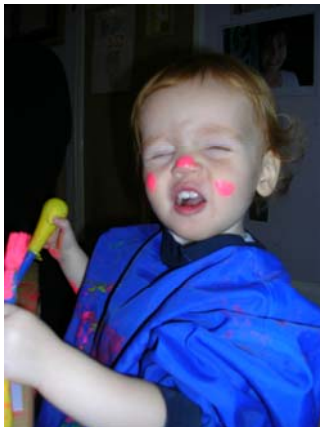


The little babies enjoyed having story time and sat beautifully listening to Rumble in the jungle.

Jen and Emily

### **Older Babies**

Older babies have had lots of fun and have been getting very messy this month, we have been exploring different materials including shaving foam, cornflour, water and paint, we also did some lovely hand and feet painting which was great fun and we got very very messy.



The children helped to make a display all about autumn, we stuck on different leaves that we collected from the garden and then we finger painted some hedgehogs using a nice shiny brown paint.

We have also coloured in some diwali pictures and coloured in pictures of our hands like people who would use Henna to make rangoli patterns on their hands.



We have been making things for Halloween and are looking forward to decorating our rooms and having a party.

We would like to welcome Lyla to the older baby room and say a big goodbye to Emile and Ben who have moved up to the toddler room.

Claudia and Heather

### **Toddlers**

Toddlers have been looking at harvest and autumn as a topic this month, we have been doing lots of pictures relating to autumn. We had a picture of a tree and stuck real leaves into them which had been collected from the garden these are all on our art gallery so please take a look. Toddlers have also made an autumn scene for our big display board, we all enjoyed painting a hedgehog and collecting more coloured leaves from the garden, we also used our hand prints to resemble leaves which are scattered around the board.



Whilst in the garden we enjoyed finding different coloured leaves and crunched them up to make crinkly textures for a leaf collage. We have done a lot of leaf rubbing which have

gone in our development folders some of us found it a little bit difficult to hold the paper down and rub the crayon over at the same time.

Toddlers have been playing in the sand tray digging and hiding objects which we really enjoyed sieving through the sand to see what we could find, we also had lots of fun mixing to make different coloured playdough.



Everyone in the toddler room would like to welcome Emile and Ben into the toddler room we hope they enjoy their time in here with us all and happy birthday Elliot who has just turn 3 we hope you had a lovely birthday.

Sam and Shakila

### Pre- School

We have been talking about autumn this month and how the leaves change colour and fall off the trees. We have looked at all the different shapes and sizes of the leaves, we also collected some for our display board, we also used the leaves to do leaf rubbings which are up on our big display board. We got very creative and where painting our own hedgehogs and insects, we also designed our own scarecrows.



Sharon the cook has had us all helping her to

prepare our meals, we have been helping to make cakes and we have been making our very own sandwiches which are yummy.



We have had to say a very sad goodbye to Daisy and Emily who are off to big school in the afternoons, we hope they have lots of fun there and make lots of new friends we will miss them both.

Yvonne, Steff, Denise

### Forthcoming dates

3<sup>rd</sup> November - Parents Evening  
8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Production and  
Baby party  
24<sup>th</sup> December – Closing 5pm

### Reminders

#### Labelling of clothes

Please can you ensure that all you children's belongings are labelled so that if something is lost we are able to find the correct owner.

#### Outside clothes

Now that it is getting colder please can I ask that the children have appropriate clothing and footwear to wear in the garden. The children will still be going outside at least twice a day even if it has rained so please can you ensure your child has a raincoat and Wellington boots.

#### Breakfast

I would just like to remind you that breakfast finishes at 8:30, if you would like your child to have breakfast with us please ensure they are here before this time.

## Christmas opening times

Just a reminder that we will be closing at 5pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> December and then re-opening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 7:45am.

### Parent's contribution to planning and menus

We will soon be putting slips into your children's draws asking for some suggestions on meals that you would like to see on our menus.

We will also be asking for any ideas and suggestions you would like us to work on with the children. For example – Name writing, letter formation, using cutlery. We would also like to know of any topics or religious festivals that you would like us to do with the children.

If you have a special talent or interest that you would like to share with us and the children then please let us know and any dates that you be available to do this.

If there are any professional gardeners amongst you, we would be grateful for your input in the redevelopment of our outside area.

### Operation Christmas child

We are planning on participating in Operation Christmas child again this year. There will be letters coming out shortly with all the details and information you will need to participate if you would like to.

Kind Regards,

Caroline, Jen and the Stokenchurch Team.

Last but not least . . .

We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday, as they will be celebrating in November:

Felix

Lucy

Shyla

Harrison

Ben

Happy Birthday

