



NEWSLETTER

August 2008

Dear Parents,

Happy holidays ☺

We hope you are enjoying the sun or its brief appearances anyway and we would like to wish all our families who are going away a very restful holiday.

Big Toddle



The rain stayed away and we went on our Big Toddle down to Longburrow Hall. We toddled our way down in a big train with our Toddle Music playing as we went. All the children brought their teddies with them and when we got to Longburrow Hall we stopped and had a Teddy Bears Picnic.

We then toddled our way back to Nursery, which covered our ½ mile walk. Everyone received a Big Toddle Medal and certificate.

Well done everyone! ☺

Baby Room

Another busy month in Little Babies with 2 new additions to our Baby Room. We are pleased to welcome Lucy and Ben who are already enjoying the Baby Room fun. Some of the Little Babies are not looking quite so little; in the last month we have 3 babies who have learnt to walk and 2 who can now crawl. It is so much fun watching their development and of course watching their confidence grow by the day.



Our theme for this month has been festivals and we have focussed on 4th July American Independence Day. With a number of our babies away on holiday (we hope enjoying the sun) we have been working and playing with the Older Babies and like them we have been making Independence Day flags. In Little Babies we have followed the red, white and blue theme through in our stories, sticking and toy selection.

It was good to see so many Parents at Parent's Evening and for Emma it was the perfect opportunity to introduce herself to Parents throughout the Nursery. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

Emma and Jan

Older Babies

Festivals is a very vibrant and exciting topic and once again Older Babies got colourful and messy painting, sticking and colouring dragons and flags.

Displayed on our windows are some dazzling pictures of Chinese Dragons, which depicts the fun, and excitement we all had with this theme.



We have been learning about different cultural beliefs and the different ways each culture celebrated festivals. Older Babies have been colouring and sticking their Independence Day flags and Statue of Liberty thus portraying the American culture.

Making the most of the sunshine we continue to take toys out to play in the garden as often as possible.

If you stop by the older Baby Room and hear a noise, don't worry it's just because all our Older Babies are learning to talk and we are very proud of them.

Nicole and Yvonne

Toddlers

First of all we would like to welcome Archie G and Arthur to the Toddler Room and hope they have lots of fun with us.



This month in Toddlers we have been learning about different festivals. We made glittery masks for Nottingham Carnival and Mardi gras. We also coloured and glittered paper to make shakers.

For Japanese Boy Festival we made Carp Streamers and we are making moon cakes to celebrate Moon Festival.

We all got really messy doing potato printing for Harvest and made handprints for the Nursery tea towel, which will be on sale soon.

On our display board we have created a Dragon Boat.

We have celebrated Michael and Lottie's birthday. They have turned 3 and have moved through to Pre-school, we hope they are enjoying themselves.

Our strawberry plant is doing very well on the windowsill and the children enjoy taking it in turns to water it.



The children have chosen our next 'Book of the Month', which is going to be 'If you go walking in Tiger Wood.' We will have lots of fun making all the different animals in the book and making the wood itself.

Sam, Claudia, Lisa and Emily

Pre-School

This month we have been looking at festivals.

We have looked at books about festivals to find out more about them. We learnt about the story of Pesach, which is the story of Moses in his basket. We re-enacted the story and made Baby Moses in his basket.



We have made glittery carnival masks using gems, glitter, shiny paper and feathers. We made pretty Basant bangles using flowers made from tissue paper. We also talked about the meaning

of Basant, which is the festival of spring. We danced to carnival music and although we looked a bit silly we all really loved it.

In the next couple of weeks we will be making musical shakers using rice and pasta.

It's a very sad time of year for Pre-School where we have to say good bye to lots of our older children who are leaving to go to School. We would like to say 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to the following children

Kerensa
Wil
Hana
Charlotte D
Anthony
Morgan
Emily
Jonathan
Daniel C

You will all be greatly missed and Pre-School will be very quiet without you!!

Jen, Heather, Shakila and Steph



After School Club

The children at After School Club have really been winding down for the summer break, which everyone seems ready for. They have been playing on the Nursery Laptop and drawing some lovely pictures. These are then printed out at Nursery and brought back round to take home.

If you would like further information about the After School Club, please speak with Jill or call her at Nursery on 01494 484737.

Tiny Mites

Tiny Mites is still a very popular event during the week. Our favourite song at the moment is going for a drive in our car. The children get steering wheels (also known as plates) and get to drive all over the countryside, beeping the horn and driving up and down hills.

The CDs are still available at £10 each. If you would like a CD please speak to a member of staff and we will be able to get one for you on a Tuesday.

Forthcoming topics

During August we will be spending lots of time outside and digging in the garden as our topic is Mini Beast and In the Garden.

Forthcoming dates

Monday 25th August – Bank holiday, Nursery closed.

Tuesday 2nd September – Nursery trip.

Wednesday 3rd September – School Term starts.

Changes to sessions and Leavers

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that we require 1 month's notice **in writing** of any changes to your child's sessions, this includes when they are leaving.

If your child is leaving to go to school either part-time or full-time, please can you put this in writing detailing any Nursery care, breakfast club, 'walking bus' to school or After School care you may require. We can accommodate all school times for drop-offs and collection.



Language and Behaviour

On the whole, our parent's are very conscientious about the language and behaviour they demonstrate whilst in Nursery, in the garden or in the Nursery car park.

Language

However, it has been brought to my attention that some of our Parent's are using language that we, as a company, do not allow within the Nursery. We have had a couple of instances where Parent's have been swearing in the car park as well as in the entrance corridor. This is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated by the staff or Management of Positive Steps.

Positive Steps Nurseries has in place a behaviour management procedure, which is followed by all members of staff. This can be found in your Parent's Policy pack that you were all issued earlier in the year. If you would like to see a copy, this can be found on the entrance table in our Policy Pack.

Smoking

I would like to remind all parents that Positive Steps Nurseries has a complete no smoking policy on the premises. This includes the car park. It has been noticed on several occasions that Parent's are smoking and this is not acceptable on Positive Steps Property.

Speeding

Please remember that you are entering a car park where children may be crossing not only to go home but also to visit the library. Please pull into our car park at a sensible speed so that you are able to stop quickly if you need to.

Post box

A few parent's have been taking advantage of our new Post box, please continue to put any mail you have into the box and it will be posted for you.



Door Entry

Excellent improvement! Thank you for your continued support in keeping our Nursery safe.

As always we are interested in any suggestions you may have for the newsletter and other things

you would like to see in it. Please pass your ideas onto a member of the team.

Kind Regards,

Jill 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 August:

Oliver

Joshua R

Aryan

Amelia

Alex



Happy Birthday

