



# NEWSLETTER

## September 2009

### The Sandcastle

*I built a castle in the sand –  
The finest castle in the land.  
And from the turret standing high,  
My flag waved proudly in the sky:  
And then I built a wall around  
To help to keep it safe and sound.  
I had a drawbridge made of wood,  
And round the moat my soldiers stood.  
But since I built it yesterday,  
The sea has washed it all away.  
I'll build my next one on the beach  
Beside the deck-chairs – out of reach*

Welcome to September's Newsletter and the start of a new term!

We hope you have all had some fantastic holidays over the summer and enjoyed sharing your holiday stories and photographs with your friends.



## New Staff

I would like to welcome Caroline to you; she is the new nursery manager of Stokenchurch. She is looking forward to meeting all the children and their families.

Also, Denise, who is a new member of staff in the Pre-school room, she will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We would like to say goodbye to Mobeen who has left to go to university and a big thank you to Emily Campbell who is going back to university, we wish you lots of luck.

## Garden changes

You may have all noticed some new additions in the garden, we now have a 'rubber bark' area for the children, which will have a 'digging' area next to it very shortly. Next to the 'digging' area will be a 'hide away' den

The children are enjoying exploring the texture of the rubber bark and are all looking forward to the 'digging' area.

## Babies



In the baby room this month we have been

focusing on 'Dinosaurs'. Claudia kindly lent us her bag of dinosaurs which we had lots of fun playing with and exploring with our hands, mouth and eyes.

Emily put the dinosaurs in ice for us to explore, which was really cold and we tried to lick them. Emma also put them in jelly for us to explore and investigate; we tried to eat that which tasted yummy!



We have been very creative this month and painted lots of dinosaur pictures with lots of different resources, we used shape sorter pieces, which make a really nice patterns of the paper, paintbrushes, glue sticks and sponges, we like eating the sponges!

On the cupboard doors and walls Emma put some vibrant images of different dinosaurs for us to look at, although we do like to pull them down as they are just at our level. ☺

The shredded paper play is still in the ball pit so we have still been enjoying that everyday, as you can see below, Emma and Emily are going to put something new in there soon, we cant wait to see what it will be...|



Emma and Emily

### Older Babies

This month we have been talking about our families and have painted pictures of them which look great!

We would like to thank those parents who were kind enough to bring some photographs in to help us with our family tree, also Thomas from babies who brought photos in.

Claudia and Yvonne put soap flakes in a bowl and it made lots of bubbles, we got absolutely covered, it was so much fun! All of us had lots of fun with flour play, we got very dusty as we touched the flour and got it everywhere, and some of us stood in the flour which tickled our toes. ☺



This month we also made cakes, for all of our friends at nursery, they watched the scales move, as Emile called them 'tick tock'.



For our family tree board, which is looking great, we painted lovely flowers around it, which was great fun getting messy with the paint. Claudia bought some new objects for the treasure basket so we have been exploring that lots, there are all sorts of brushes in there which are soft and some are quite spiky. We are enjoying our new mirrors in the room, we like looking at ourselves and the staff have been encouraging us to say our names, and we quite like kissing the mirrors. It is also a good way to learn where our eyes, nose, mouth, ears, tongue and teeth are. Some of us are getting quite good at point to our noses!

Claudia, Yvonne and Shakila

## Toddlers

This month in Toddlers we have been focusing on holidays. We are making our 'home area' into an airport; all the children have been making their own special passports to play with. We have also been painting some pictures of aeroplanes; there is a really big aeroplane on our display board.



Up on our window are some colourful beach balls in different designs which we stuck lots of different things on, they look great! At story time we have been reading holiday books and talking about our holidays, some of us have been lucky enough to go on an aeroplane.



We would like to say a big toddler goodbye to Ben as he is leaving us this month and would also like to wish lots of luck to Oliver, Arthur, Ethan, Lewis and Archie. S who are all moving through to Pre-school, Heather and Denise are looking forward to their new arrivals. Welcome to Nola, Zachary, Charlie and Jacob who are all starting in Toddlers this month. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Sam and Steff

## Pre- School

We have been very busy again this month; we made an exciting garden display with lots of different creatures that are in our garden this time of year.

We used some special marble inks and made kites with them, they look lovely.



The paints have been out a lot and we made some lovely seaside pictures which look very vibrant, Emily also helped us paint and make Elephant masks, they look brilliant!



Emily also made some buzzy bees out of clay; we got rather messy in the process, once they were dry we painted them yellow with black stripes. Beautiful buzzy bees!



We would like to say goodbye to Benjamin Mould, Joshua Reith, Millie, Harry, Emma, Megan, Chloe, Archie. G, Michael and Ben. T who are all starting 'big' school. You will all be sadly missed.

Heather, Denise and Emily.C

## Forthcoming dates

2<sup>nd</sup> October - Jeans for Genes day  
26<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term starts  
3<sup>rd</sup> November - Parents Evening

Last but not least . . .

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

**Lewis**  
**Olivia**  
**Florence**  
**Ethan**  
**Archie.S**  
**Jacob**  
**Nola**  
**Charlie**

**Happy Birthday**



## **Congratulations**

We would like to send our congratulations to:



Lucy and her family on the arrival of her little sister Florence.

## **Christmas**

We know it seems very early but we have booked the dates for our Christmas parties and play. They will take place on Tuesday 8th December. Watch this space for specific times for each age group.

Also we wanted to give you plenty of notice that Nursery will be closing at 5pm on Christmas Eve and re-opening at normal time on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Reminders**

*Nursery Tea Towel –what a great Christmas present!*

The nursery tea towel is still available to purchase at £4.95, but not for much longer, they make fantastic Christmas presents, just ask a member of staff who will get one for you.

Kind Regards,

Jen and the Stokenchurch Team.