



NEWSLETTER



March 2009

March is here already and now the snow has gone the sun is beginning to shine. It will soon be time to start sowing seeds for our vegetable area and watching for blossom to start appearing on the trees.



Parents evening

On Thursday 26th February we had our termly parents' evening. We had lots of parents come in and talk to their child's key person and find out about all they have been doing and learning. If you were unable to attend the evening and would like to speak to your child's key person, please speak to them in the next week and arrange a convenient time for you both.

Pyjama day

Didn't everyone look nice and cosy in their Pyjamas and slippers, all the children had a really great day and some found it hilarious that everyone was wearing pyjamas. We would like to thank everyone for taking part and for raising £153 for Rehab UK which is a Brain injury Centre.

Thumper

I am sure you have all heard the news by now about our new friend at nursery if not then here is a little clue for you, he has two floppy ears and he likes to eat carrots. That's right his name is Thumper and he is a rabbit.

Thumper lives out in his hutch in the garden, we have been bringing him inside in the evenings so he doesn't get too chilly especially when we had all that snow. Thumper comes inside and visits the children on a regular basis, the children love being around him and all go to say hello as soon as its garden time. They are all very interested in him and are learning about caring for him and the types of food he likes to eat.



Baby Room

This month babies have been spending lots of time practicing their crawling skills and exploring every inch of the baby room. We have had great fun welcome three new babies into the room, James, Joshua and Joshua, its very confusing on Thursdays when they are both in. Jack and Ted have settled in well and have been so eager to explore they have both started

crawling so now they can discover so much more.

With all the snow February gave us we had lots of fun in the garden making snowmen and snowballs, some days we just watched the snowfall from the nice warm indoors. We were all very surprised how long it lasted and were sorry to see it all disappear. Emma and Emily helped us make nice snowmen paintings using lots of different colours and also using different tools to experiment with such as brushes, sponges and shape sorter pieces. We managed to get our hands covered in paint with the fantastic valentines cards we all made for mummy and daddy, our fabulous hand prints got mounted onto a card, they looked like a real work of art!



There is another new arrival into the baby room and we would all like to give a nice warm welcome to Ben and hope he settles in well to nursery. It will be lovely having another friend to play with. We would also like to say goodbye to Ben, Jacob, Vera and Thomas as they all make the move into Older Babies and enjoy all the interesting experiences that Nicole and Yvonne can offer them.

Emma and Emily

Older baby Room

As the frozen vapour fell from the sky in flakes older babies watched through the window waiting for a chance to go outside and play.



We made the most of the snow when we could by going into the garden to crunch, build and slide in

the snow. However, when we were unable to make it outside we still made the most of it by bringing it inside in big buckets and tubes to play in.

Our topic was based on transportation this month, we enjoyed colouring and painting different types of transport namely: Land, air and sea and we talked about how they move differently.

Older babies have been practicing their please and thank you song on a daily basis and we tend to start singing when Sharon our chef brings our lunch into the room.

We have been doing lots of messy play indoors so please don't be surprised if our finger nails have a little blue, red or yellow paint in them.

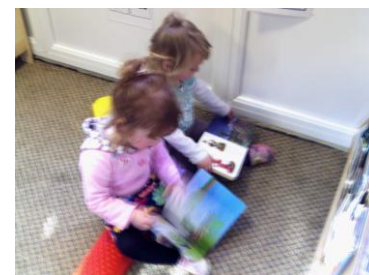


We would like to welcome to Paige who had joined us in older babies, she is having lots of fun with us and meeting new friends.

Nicole and Yvonne

Toddlers

To begin with we would like to welcome Emma, Archie G and Indi to the toddler room we hope they have lots of fun with us and enjoy all the new experiences that we have to offer.



We have been looking at different ways we travel, by land, sea or air. We coloured boats to go sailing on our sea display. On our big display board we coloured, finger painted and stuck tissue paper on lots of different types of transport. We have done a transport treasure

hunt about the garden where we have had to search for pictures of different transportation we will also be searching for number plate cards which have been hidden at the same time. The children had lots of fun rolling cars in the paint and then making track marks across the paper they then added glitter onto the tracks for their coloured vehicles to go on. We looked at traffic light pictures finding the different colours to put on the right stop starting with red then orange and then green.



The children enjoyed searching for cars that were hidden in shredded paper in the sand tray, most of the paper ended up on their heads but they giggled and laughed and had lots of fun. Toddlers had fun dressing up in lots of different dressing up outfits and danced around in them to different music.

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to William, Louis, Adam, Emily and Daisy who have all moved to the Pre-School room.

Sam, Claudia and Steff

Pre-School

Pre-School have been looking at transport and how we get around. We have looked at crossing the road safely and learnt to stop, look and listen. We made a lovely display about how to cross the road and we put in into practice when walking to and from school in the mornings.

The snow fell and the Pre-School children had a great time exploring the thick white snow which lay upon the ground. We lay down on the snow to make beautiful snow angels and built some snow castles using the sand and water equipment. Our snow man with a carrot for a nose and twig arms didn't last too long as he got bumped into and he toppled over.



Some beautiful snowmen pictures were drawn by the children and we have displayed them along with some pictures of us playing out in the snow, so if you have any picture at home and would like to add them to our display we would really appreciate it.

We were very sad to say goodbye to Daisy T who left us at the beginning of February due to moving away from the area, but on a brighter note we would like to welcome Ben T and Thomas S who have recently joined the Pre-School room. We also welcome Daisy and Emily, Adam, William and Louis who have moved up into the Pre-School room looking very smart in their Pre-School uniforms.

Jen, Heather and Shakila

Forthcoming topics

Next month we will be looking at dinosaurs and where they lived and what they liked to do. If you have any stories or games you would like to share with us please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Forthcoming dates

Red Nose Day	– Friday 13 th March (Fancy dress)
Mother's Day	- Sunday 22 nd March
Easter Holiday	– Monday 6 th April to Friday 13 th April
Bank Holidays	– Friday 10 th April - Monday 13 th April

Ballet lessons

We are currently looking into ballet lessons for the children to participate in once a week this would be at a small extra cost. If you are interested in your child participating in this then please speak to Jill or Jen



We would also like to say happy birthday to Emma G who we missed last month. Hope you had a great birthday Emma.

Red nose day

On 13th March we will be participating in red nose day. The theme this year is 'something funny' so we are planning on dressing in red, wearing something funny or dressing up as a character from the Mr or Miss Books for example Mr Bump or Mr tickle and donate £1. On the day Emma will be doing some face painting for 50p there will be permission slips in the rooms which will need signing for your child to have their face painted.

Happy Birthday

Reminders

Door entry.

Please could we remind parents not to let other parents or visitors into the nursery at any time. For the safety of the children and staff we ask that you ensure the door closes behind you when entering or leaving the nursery. All parents are aware of the code to gain entry and we are sure you will all appreciate the importance of maintaining the safety of everybody within the nursery.

If parents continue to allow other people into the building we will have to start escorting parents in and out of the building.

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 March:

Fletcher

Adam

Chloe

Jonathan



Finn

Tyler