



NEWSLETTER



July 2009

Welcome to July's newsletter and it seems summer is finally here, the children have been busy practicing for sports day and some of the older children have been having visits to their big schools which they will be moving onto in September.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent parents evening it seemed to be a very popular evening especially in the Pre-School room. If you have not had the chance to talk with your child's key person and would like to speak with them, please contact them direct and arrange a suitable time for you both. Could I also ask that if you have not yet returned your questionnaire please could you return it to the office as soon as possible.

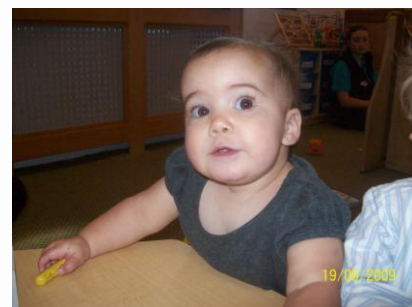
Younger Babies

Babies have made some lovely display boards this month. They have had lots of fun painting animal pictures for the big jungle board. We enjoyed using our fingers and putting the brushes into our mouths, our elephants, hippos and lions look great hiding in the jungle.



Emily helped us make a lovely 'Old McDonald's Farm' on the big window, we painted farm animals and made a lovely window display.

We are all very pleased with the lovely new activity wall unit in the room, it has lots of pretty colours and great things we can twist, pull and turn to make lots of noise much to Emma and Emily's delight. Emma and Emily are very pleased with Fletcher, Chloe and Jack who are now walking, although they still find the odd moment when crawling is much more effective ☺ All the other babies are using the walkers very well and moving around the furniture.



We are very pleased that the babies are learning to say 'ta' and 'hiya' we are actively encouraging new words on a daily basis and are pleased with all the waving the babies are doing now.

We have loved the lovely sunshine we have been having which has enabled us to have morning and afternoon snacks in the garden which has been lots of fun.

Emma and Emily

Older Babies

Older babies have spend lots of time in the garden, playing with thumper in his run, having a picnic snack and tea which was really fun. We have enjoyed playing on the cars, bikes and seesaw.



We had fun painting and sticking our zoo animal pictures for our display board.

We got messy painting our animal masks, then it was fun for some of us to put them up to our face.

We enjoyed looking at photos of our friends. We then stuck the photos down on card and made a wonderful photo collage of us all at nursery. It is displayed on the wall so we can all look at it.

Our under the sea pictures were coloured using crayons it was fun and we coloured lots of them. On several occasions we dressed up as animals, and then looked in the mirror at ourselves.

We had great fun making lots of noise with our sensory bottles.



We had an enjoyable time reading lots of stories to our friends and reading them by ourselves, making animal noises or other sounds to go with the story. We had lots of fun sponge painting animal prints, for our little display board.

Finally we would like to say congratulations to Sophie on becoming a big sister, she now has a little sister called Lauren.

Claudia, Yvonne, Shakila and Mobeen

Toddlers

This month in toddlers we have been looking at animals under the sea, as we chose to do under the sea for our topic we have been doing lots of pictures of animals which live under the sea and we have coloured octopuses and fish.



We have made our home area into an under the sea world which we had lots of fun making as we used our feet and hands to paint the sheet blue for the sea which got very messy and we all ended up having a paddle in the baby bath to get ourselves clean.

After it was dry we sponge painted some fish onto it in different colours. We have hung tissue paper to look as sea weed hanging down from the arch into the home corner along with some fish and jelly fish that we had made.

The children love looking at the big shark that they made which is up on the board. We have been doing some crab sponge painting for our folders.

Archie G and Sorrel who are now 3 have moved into the Pre-School room and we hope that they enjoy their time in the big room.



Toddlers also hope that all the Daddy's enjoyed their fathers day presents and they will enjoy

drinking from their new cups as much as the toddlers enjoyed making them.

Sam and Steff

Pre- School

Now the sun is shining most days our free flow system is well under way and the children have got really good at changing their shoes according to where they want to play.

Whilst in the garden we have been keeping a close eye on our vegetable patch looking for any changes hoping that they will soon be ready for us to add to our lunch. We have also been watering our sensory area and smelling all our lovely herbs including the one that smells like "Chicken Curry."

We also have some lovely red strawberries growing but before we had a chance to pick and wash them ready for a snack, somebody had already had a little nibble.

The children have been having lots of fun tipping water down the water slide and watching it drip down through the holes, they have also been experimenting with the cars and balls, seeing how well they slide down.



Pre-School have got some nice new coloured cushions which we are using at morning and group time as our magic cushions to sit on, then when we have finished with them they all go nicely into the cushion house. Some of us like to get them out and have a lay down in the afternoon you may find one or two of us nodding off for a short time.

We have been making some owl and peacock pictures recently, we painted the lid of a paint pot and pressed it onto the paper to make a body we then used other materials to make it look like either an owl or a peacock.

It's getting to that time of year when the children are getting so big and it's time for them to move

onto BIG school. We are going to be saying a sad good bye to Jonathan, Jimmy and Sorrel who will be leaving us at the end of July but we all know that they are going to have a great time at their new schools and wish them well.

Jen and Heather

Forthcoming dates

30th June – Sports day

17th July – Last day of term

3rd September – New term begins

Nursery Tea towel

All the children have contributed to making a nursery tea towel the babies did foot prints the older babies and toddlers hand prints and the toddlers have draw a beautiful picture of themselves. You will see these tea towels around the nursery if you would like to purchase one please don't hesitate to ask.

Reminders

Allergies

We have a child who attends the setting that has a sever nut allergy so I would just like to remind all parents that when you bring in birthday treats or cakes for your child and their friends please ensure that they are nut free.

Door security

I would like to say it has been really nice to see and hear parents not allowing other people into the building when they enter or leave the premises. I would also like to ask that the door code is not given out to older siblings this is just to ensure our security is maintained to a high level.

School leavers

I would just like to remind you that if your child is leaving for school that we require a month's written notice. A months notice is also required for any change of sessions.

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 July:

Chloe
Marlene
Jasmine
Michael
Oliver
Ava

Happy Birthday

