



NEWSLETTER

September 2008

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our September Newsletter. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer and had some lovely holidays.

In the foyer, you will now find some useful information including of latest Ofsted report and all the companies policies. We also have available a back catalogue of our Newsletters and a large photograph album. Please feel free to stop and look through the albums and see what your child has been up to.

Staff

I know there have been a few changes to staff recently and I am now pleased to include a picture of them in the Newsletter so that you can put a face to the name.

We have welcomed . . .



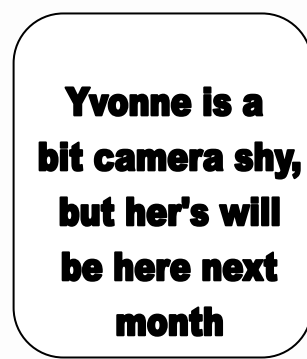
Steff – Pre-School



Emily – Toddlers



Emma – Babies



Yvonne – Older Babies

I am also pleased to announce that Emma has been made Baby Room Leader and Nicole has been made Older Baby Room Leader. I am sure you will join me in congratulating both ladies in their new role.

Early Years Foundation Stage

Hopefully you are aware that from 1st September 2008 there is a new government curriculum in place for children under 5 years old. It is called the Early Years Foundations Stage (EYFS). The EYFS takes the place of Birth to Three Matter and the Foundation Stage Curriculum, which our Early Years practitioners have been using up to now.

The aim of the EYFS is to describe how practitioners work with children and their carers to support children's development, how to care for them and ensure they are kept safe, and also to ensure they have the opportunities to achieve all they can while they are so young.

A handout about the new EYFS was sent out a few weeks ago and there is a display in the main corridor with more information about the new framework.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the EYFS please speak to one of the staff or you can look at it online at:

<http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/eyfs>

Big Toddle

Thank you for your support. We managed to raise a fantastic £408, which went to Barnados.

Well done everyone! 😊

Baby Room and Older Baby Room

Summer holidays and lots of children going away has meant the younger and older babies have been playing altogether this month.

We have been exploring the world of 'Mini beasts and looking in the garden' (Mini beasts are insects by the way!)

Dashing inside and out between the rains, Babies and Older babies have joined forces to make the most of every opportunity we get to explore the garden looking for caterpillars, butterflies, spiders and any mini beast we can possibly find to investigate this topic.



We also enjoyed getting our fingers covered in paint creating our 'Bugtastic' display board, which consists of various plants and beasts that we have seen in the garden.

The children particularly enjoyed making the butterfly prints and the big hungry caterpillar which you can see displayed in our rooms.

Come and take a look 😊



All the babies would like to say goodbye to Oliver, who has moved up and joined the Toddler Room, he will be sadly missed. Also Harry has left to become a full-time big Brother to baby Alfie. We look forward to seeing him at the school gate occasionally when he drops off Leo.

Emma and Jan Nicole and Yvonne

Toddlers

Within the toddler Room this month, we have had a few changes. We would like to welcome Oliver from Older babies but also sadly say goodbye and good luck to Joshua R who has joined the Pre-School Room.

The toddler children have also been talking about mini beasts this month. We have spent time colouring and painting pictures of mini beasts and found some funny things hiding in our messy play.



When we played with Shaving foam and Jelly there were some spiders, ladybirds and beetles hiding. We all had a great time finding the beasts and then hiding them again for the next person to find. As usual, the messier the better!!

The children made some paper Mache caterpillars and clay spiders with multi-coloured legs made from pipe cleaners.



We really enjoyed our book of the month 'If you go walking in Tiger woods' making the woods and grass, as well as all the different animals. It will be up for a bit longer, so feel free to come and see it. Your children will also be able to tell you most of the story, so enjoy hearing about what they like the most.



Sam, Claudia, Lisa and Emily

Pre-School

This month Pre-school have been looking at mini beast and in the garden. We have made a big display on what we find in the garden including ladybirds, bees, trees and flowers.

We made some hungry caterpillars on leaves by dipping corks into different coloured paint and printing them onto paper. We read the hungry Caterpillar story and learnt about the life cycle of a caterpillar and how metamorphosis works when it turns into a butterfly.



We also made some cheesy caterpillars that were very messy but very tasty.

We created some insects using plaster of Paris and cotton buds, some scary spider's webs and created and played a 'Bugs on a leaf' game.

We have been on a few 'Bug hunts' around the garden and found out that the Caterpillars have really enjoyed eating the leaves in our vegetable garden. In addition we found spiders, woodlouse and ladybirds.



It is that time of year when some of the Pre-School children start going off to school. We will no longer be seeing the children on a daily basis but we will always say 'hello' at the school gate and thankfully some of them will be coming to After School Club 😊

We would all like to say 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to the following children:

Maya **Joel**
Alice **Ella**
Joe **Dylan**
Ryan **Kelsie**
Keeley **Daniel R**
Leo

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

Jen, Heather, Shakila and Steph

Clarks Shoe fitting

We were lucky to get a visit from a lady from Clarks Shoe Shop in High Wycombe. She came in with her measurer and all the children had the chance to have their feet measured.



They really enjoyed the chance to get their feet checked and the ladies put a card with their shoe size on in their draw. We are planning to do this several times a year so that when they need new shoes you can just go in a select instead of having to wait for an assistant to be free.

We hope you find it helpful.

Forthcoming topics

During September, the children throughout the Nursery will be talking about the Jungle. As it is the start of Ramadan on the 1st September, we will also be discussing what Ramadan is and what it means to Islam believers.

Forthcoming dates

You may remember seeing in last month's Newsletter that we were hoping to go on trip during September. Unfortunately this has had to be re-scheduled and as soon as we plan a date, we will let you know.

Also coming up in the next few months . . .

- We will be welcoming Joshua M, Owain, Oliver and Harry to Nursery.
- Children are back to school on 3rd September
- 3rd October is Jeans for Genes Day
- Tiny Mites returns after the summer break on Tuesday 2nd September at 2.30pm
- French lessons will be on a Friday morning starting 5th September.



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.

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 September:

Charlie Archies
Jacob Ethan
Lewis Florence
Charlotte's Jimmy



Happy Birthday

