

Have you seen the EYFS display boards. They represent how the pre-school operates and how we aim to achieve the curriculum. Please take a minute to have a look and feel free to ask any questions you might have about them.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

This summer is an exciting time for the fundraising team and we are looking forward to seeing you all enjoying the events and supporting the pre-school.

Tuesday 28th July: Family Fun Day / Soapbox Derby - 1pm onwards

We are holding a day of fun and races on the school field as part of carnival week. With Palm Fm opening the event and distributing goodies, they have also agreed to judge this year's fancy dress competition! More info is available on the new pre-school web site.

Saturday 1st August: Carnival parade - Meeting at Rydon acres for judging at 5.30pm.

This year's theme is 'Butterfly Ball' which follows this term's exciting topic and trip to the butterfly farm. Come dressed as butterflies or bugs and let's see if we can win 1st prize again this year!

Sunday 30th August: 'Party by the Pond' - 3pm till late

Stoke Gabriel's answer to Glastonbury! Local bands, local beer, local food all rolled into one big family friendly festival. See the web site for more info <http://partybythepond.webs.com>

October 24th: Pig Racing in the village hall - due to a clash of events in June we have pushed this event back until the autumn so watch out for more info coming soon!

Latest in: Our Chair's run - Half Marathon - Went very well and she raised £100 so far, but she is still collecting. Well Done Roz!!!

If you would like to get involved with any of these events we welcome new faces and fresh ideas, please see either Kirstin, Victoria or Kirstie.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Our recruitment drive has made this a busy term. Many thanks to Caroline Duckett and Carine Selva for their help on the interview selection panel as well as Ali White for all her secretarial support.

We would like to welcome Andy Jones, Kathrin Bastin, Kelly Green, Keeley Price, Sian Ormrod and Victoria Bagnol to our Pre-school and wish them much happiness and success as members of the team. Also many best wishes to Sue Stacey who has taken up the post of Deputy.

Due to Carine and Sue's increased level of management and administrative duties, their positions are now known as Pre-school Manager and Deputy Manager.

We are very excited about the progress and development of our pre-school. The new staff have a wealth of different experiences and skills to contribute to the school as well as demonstrating much enthusiasm and motivation to work in Early Years. Many of our staff are embarking on training courses which will help enrich our pre-school. There is also much interest from new parents wanting to register their children and admissions for the following academic year are high.

Many thanks to Kirstie Vaughan who has successfully taken over the role of treasurer. We have really appreciated her support in carrying out financial research matters for drawing up the new contracts.

A big thank you to all the parents for their continual support of the parent rota. It has really helped to ease the pressure during this recruitment period.



Progress Books

Using pictures and work by the children, we are building up a book for each child, showing their progress and development during their stay with us.

We will be sending these home for you to have a look at and talk about with your child. Feel free to add pictures or drawing of your child's holidays to share with the group on their return.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

The group runs every Tuesday morning from 9.30 am until 11.30 am in the Old School Room. All parents with children aged from 0 to 4 years are welcome to attend.

BOOK PEOPLE

If you are interested in purchasing new books for your children, through the Mother and Toddler Group you can order books from the Book People.



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July 09

Diary Dates

- Butterfly Farm visit:
Friday 10th July
- Last day of term:
Friday 17th July
- Fun Day:
Tuesday 28th July
- Carnival:
Saturday 1st August
- Party by the Pond:
Sunday 30th August
- Parents Evening:
Monday 28th September

HELLOS AND GOOD BYES

We would like to say hello and welcome to Dylan, Florence, Izzy, Oliver and Oscar, all who have started pre-school since our last newsletter.

We said a sad Good Bye to Suzanne at the beginning of the term.

We will also be saying goodbye to Anna, Iona, Josie, Molly, Sam & William at the end of this term. We Wish them good luck in their new schools.

- During our summer term, the children have been looking at changes and growth. The theme grew from their interest in bugs and butterflies, which we followed by getting our own Butterfly net and caterpillars. The children have been very interested in the whole process, watching their growth and development over the 3 weeks it took the caterpillars to turn into butterflies.



They also got involved in a large range of creative activities such as making butterflies with pegs, exploring colour mixing & mark making while making butterfly painting using books as references, as well as exploring the type of shapes and colours of bugs and butterflies when out in the Orchard.

We are all looking forward to the Butterfly farm visit, which will be the perfect end to our theme.

- The other things children have been showing great interest in were flaps, use of scissors and role playing around the doll house. To support these interests, we used photos of children and created our own large house with flaps.



In doing so, we wanted to encourage them to combine these interests and further develop their scissors management and fine motor skills, social skills, concepts of shapes and mark making as well as letter formation and recognition.

New Staff

Sue Stacey has been appointed to the position of Deputy Supervisor, and she has already shown how capable and trustworthy she is as she took on the Acting Deputy post during those very busy recruitment weeks and as carried on showing great support to myself and the new staff.

Without her and Caroline working extra hard during those recruitment weeks, it would have been difficult to have as smooth a recruitment process as we did. Thank you ladies!!!

We have welcomed 3 new members of staff: Andy, who is a very experienced early years worker and has been highly recommended by his previous employers and Kathrin and Kelly, who both have some early years experience. More importantly, they all come with a lot of enthusiasm, love for working with children and eagerness to learn.

We are also welcoming Keeley, Sian and Victoria as Students and Bank staff. Sian will be joining us weekly as she takes on her NVQ2.

The Staff Rota will be as follow:

Mon AM	Mon PM	Wed AM	Wed PM	Thu	Fri
Carine	Carine	Carine	Carine	Carine(Andy)	Carine
Sue	Sue	Caroline	Kathrin	Sue	Sue
Caroline	Caroline	Andy	Andy	Caroline	Kelly
Kathrin				Sian (student)	

On Mondays, Kathrin is supporting the staff to provide some time for Observations and Record keeping. From September, Andy will be covering for Carine as she takes on her Foundation Degree. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the staff rota, please feel free to come and discuss them with Carine.