



# STOKE GABRIEL PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Dates

- Half-Term:  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 09 till  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 09
- Pig Racing:  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October
- Open Evening:  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Christmas Show:  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Party / Last day  
of Term:  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

## HELLOS / GOODBYES

We would like to say hello and welcome to Edith, Jacob, Jenna, Otto and Owen, who started pre-school at the beginning of September.

We said goodbye to Anna, Iona, Jasper, Josie, Molly, Sam & William at the end of the summer term.

This half-term, the children have been showing great interest in mark making and letter formation.

Via daily observations and assessment, we have been able to supply the children with the right support around that interest and facilitate their exploration of writing further by providing a large range of mark making opportunities.



We worked closely with each individual child to support their progress in that area, considering the wide range of level the children present depending on their age, interest and stage of development.



We provided them with note books to keep a record of their progress as well as encourage them to further explore mark making letter formation as well as developing their fine motor skills and pencil grip.



We also encouraged the exploration of story books by setting up a giant book and support children's creative ideas as they made their own stories.

## Pre-School Visit to the Butterfly Farm.

Our visit to the butterfly farm and otter sanctuary in July was a great success.

The children really enjoyed discovering more about butterflies after the work we had been doing around their life cycle as well as learning about otters and their way of life.

We would like to thank all the parents who took the time to join us and who made the visit a possibility.



We had a visit from the reception class children and Mrs. Whitcher.

The children enjoyed sharing experiences and re-connecting with their friends who have moved up.

We are working closely with the Primary school teacher to develop that relationship further and are planning more regular meetings as well as joined sessions.

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

The big event this term is the pig racing night; please tell everyone you know about it as we really need as many people as possible. It is an open event for all to enjoy. This is the last fundraising/social event until the Easter fair so it is important we do well at it! Your support is vital to the success of all fundraising events.

**Saturday 24th October: Pig Racing Evening 7.30 pm**

*Tickets £7 now available from Stoke Gabriel's shops as well as Victoria Bagnall, Kirstin Jane and Roz Morrell.*

Can we also remind everyone of the *Tea Towels* being organised and managed by Emma Yunnie. It makes for a great present and is a nice memory of your child's stay at pre-school.

Finally, a quick note about our Christmas show. We will be filming the event and DVDs of the show will be available to reserve at the beginning of December. Don't forget to place your order.

This summer, our great Fund Raising team organised two events: Fun Day on Tuesday 28th July and the Carnival on Saturday 1st August. We would like to thank Victoria Bagnall and Kirstin Jane for their continuous hard work as well as any parents and staff who provided their support.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

The committee are busy getting together the wine and nibbles for the open evening and are looking forward to a fun evening on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November and meeting all present and prospective parents.

Welcome back to Catherine Bedford and thank you to the committee members who took the time to pop into Ali White's to vote her back onto the committee.

Staff hours have changed since the summer term and are now as follow:

Mon	Wed	Thu	Fri
Carine	Carine	Sue	Carine
Sue	Caroline	Caroline	Sue
Kathrin	Andy	Sian	Andy

Staff courses:

The committee wish Sian, Kathrin and Carine all the very best as they start out on their professional vocational courses.

Sian and Kathrin are doing NVQ level 2 & 3

Carine is working on her Foundation Degree in Early Years Care and is now at college every Thursdays.

Sue has taken her SENCo role very seriously and after meeting with our advisory teacher, Julie Adams, she has up dated the pre-school SENCo file and is working toward strengthening her knowledge by attending SENCo training.

We are beginning our recruitment process for an administrator to support the pre-school committee and staff. We hope to fill the position by January 2010. Adverts for the post will be going out soon. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be, please don't hesitate to contact Roz or Carine.



## 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.