



STOKE GABRIEL PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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June 10

Diary Dates

- Monday 21st June:
Dressing up Day
- Friday 2nd July:
Sports Day / Big Toddle
- Saturday June or July:
Coffee Morning (Date TBC)
- Monday 12th July:
Trip to Haldon Forest Park
- Friday 16th July:
Leaving Party
- Tuesday 3rd August:
Pirates Challenge
- Saturday 7th August:
Grand Carnival
- Wednesday 1st September:
First Day of Autumn Term

HELLOS / GOODBYES

We welcomed Joe and his family who joined us after Easter. Please feel free to spread the word as we will have spaces for 2½yr olds and 3 yr olds after the summer holidays.

This half term, we have been exploring scientific concepts. We have looked at ice and how it melts, investigated corn flour and what happens if you add water to it.



Using special ink, the children created a range of patterns while discovering the idea of density as the ink stays on top of the water.

The children have also been showing such an interest in jigsaws, that we gave them the opportunity to make their own puzzles, using pictures of themselves at pre-school or by taking pictures of their favourite toy or person.



Roz - Trixie's mother - volunteered to join us one day, keen to bring science to life. Using vinegar & baking powder, she introduced children to a new chemistry concept, exploring how mixing certain liquids can have surprising results, such as making a film can explode!

Later on, she introduced them to the wonders of making paper fly like helicopters.

We would like to say a special thank you to Roz for sharing with us her scientific knowledge and taking time to share it with the children.



Focus Policy of the Term:

Accident Procedure.

- Any accident that occurs at pre-school must be entered in the accident book, stating the child's name, time, nature of accident, type of injury, action taken and must be witnessed by a member of staff.
- This entry should then be shown to the child's parent/carer at the end of the session for his/her signature.
- Should the injury require hospital treatment, the parent/carer or the emergency contact given by the parent should be contacted.
- If an ambulance is called, a member of staff should attend the child until the parent/carer arrives.

First Aiders: All members of staff hold a Paediatric First Aid Certificate

The First Aid Box is kept on the counter by the cooker.

The Accident Book is kept on top of the filling cabinet.

Children's Contact Details are kept in the filling cabinet. A condensed copy is filled at the back of the register.

The children have been keen to explore the outdoors and the life that can be found in the Orchard.

To support that interest, the children will be exploring the wonders of the worm world by having their own Worm World, giving them a chance to investigate their underground life.



At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to our older children, who are eager and ready to move up to primary school.

As usual, we are hoping to send them in small groups to attend a reception morning session - day to be confirmed.

Without your help, we won't be able to facilitate those visits, so PLEASE, if you can spare a few hours, sign onto our volunteer sheet to allow a member of staff to take our leavers up to school.

A Big Thank You for your support!



FUNDRAISING NEWS

I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Kathryn Gee, I am Freddie's Mum.

I have volunteered to be the Fundraiser Office on the pre-school committee and would like to thank everyone who has offered to help me with this daunting task!

My main aim is that, whatever we do, we have fun doing it. So please, if there is anything anybody can do to help, I would be very grateful.

More hands make for less work.

We would like to arrange a Dress Up day on Monday 21st June where, for £1, children would come into pre-school in Fancy dress. This would be an easy fundraiser the children would thoroughly enjoy.

We also will be arranging a Coffee Morning before the summer holidays - Date to be arranged

On Tuesday 3rd August, we are staging a Pirates Challenge from 2pm till 4.30pm in preparation for Carnival Week.

On Saturday 7th August, we would like to enter the children in The Grand Carnival Procession with a theme of Under The Sea, which should be great fun for everyone.

I really hope everyone will be able to come along and support our effort.

More details to follow...



COMMITTEE NEWS

Meet the new committee:

Responsibility	Name	Child's name
Chair	Sarah Goode	Joshua
Secretary	Rebecca Garner	Oscar
Treasury	Dan Hallam	Edith
Fundraiser	Kathryn Gee	Freddie
Health and Safety	Rebecca Toon	Oliver
Committee members	Keeley Price Claire	Hamish & Jacob Jenna

Term Dates 2010-2011:

Autumn Term

1st Half Wednesday 1st September - Friday 23rd October 10 (7 ½ Weeks)

½ Term week Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 10

2nd Half Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December 10 (7 Weeks)

Spring Term

1st Half Wednesday 5th January - Friday 11th February 11 (5 ½ Weeks)

½ Term week Monday 14th - 18th February

2nd Half Monday 21st February - Friday 1st April (6 Weeks)

Summer Term

1st Half Monday 18th April - Friday 27th May (6 Weeks)

May Day Monday 4th May

½ Term week Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

2nd Half Monday 6th June - Fri 15th July (6 Weeks)

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.