

Children learning through play

We are always very busy at this particular time of the year with welcoming new children, Super hero and princess day, Parents and AGM Evening, Pippin Charity Quiz Night to name but a few.

All these events are organised and run fantastically by committee members with the help of staff and parents, so as you can imagine there will be many many thank you's in this issue.

We would firstly like to thank **Michelle** and **Stacey** for providing the wonderful coat hooks that are now up in the Pippin hallway. With a hook for each child I'm sure you will agree that it makes everyone's life so much easier, in particular the staff who often have to change wet clothing and could never find the bags. A big thank you to **John** who very kindly put the hooks up for us.

The Super hero and princess day was a huge success, so much so that this will now become an annual event. Donna's son Brandon spent some time in Addenbrookes Hospital this year and it was because of their amazing work that we raised a fantastic £176 for them. We would like to thank **Amanda** (our beautiful Snow White) who helped out on the day. The face painting was impressive and very creative and we have **Clare** and **Kirsty** to thank for giving their time and doing such a great job. Also a huge thank you to **Vicki** and **Sunni** who baked some tasty buns for the children to decorate, and **Vicki and her mum** who supervised the children decorating them.

Thank you to the committee, staff and parents for

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 15th December

Christmas Concert - 11.00am

Pippin is open as usual at 9.00am. All children welcome to attend for the whole morning. Concert starts at 11.00am. Parents/carers are welcome to come along to watch. A donation of £1.00 per person would be greatly appreciated. There will be a raffle, the proceeds of which to go to Pippin Pre-School, any raffle donations gratefully received.

Thursday 17th December

Christmas Party - 11.00am - 1.00pm

The party is for all children who attend Pippin even if they don't normally attend a Thursday session. There will be no normal session on this day. The party food list will be on display in the hallway from Mon 7th December please sign up for whatever you are able to bring/ make etc. All food is to be brought to Pippin by 9.00am on the party morning.

Birthdays

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to:

Grace R who was 2 on 17th October,
Freya L who was 3 on 24th October,
Suzanne (staff) who's birthday was on 31st October,
Ewan B who was 3 and Finley S who was 2 on 9th November,

Eva D who was 3 on 15th November,

Happy Birthday wishes to:

Lily E who will be 4 on 22nd December,
Louie A who will be 4 on 25th December,
Rylan P who will be 3 on 27th December,
Conner B who will be 4 on 15th January,
Harry L who will be 4 on 19th January,
And Danny B who will be 3 on 26th January.

Wishing you all a wonderful birthday.



coming to the AGM and parents evening. It is important for us to have support from the parents.

The Pippin Charity Quiz Night was good fun and a great success - £468 was raised for new equipment for the Pippin children. Thank you to the committee for organising this event. We would like to thank all those parents who donated raffle prizes along with:-

Allen Commercial Interiors,
The Co-op,
Stotfold Pharmacy,
The Fox and Duck,
The Chequers,
Regency Flowers,
Satchells,
Stephens,
Izica Assessments,
Forget-me-Not Florists,
The Barns Hair Studio,
The Rooms,
Tesco,
Bickerdikes,
Hair by Philip,
Doug's Barbers and
North Herts Leisure Centre.



Many thanks to the committee for raising funds of £300 to purchase 10 new Little Tykes bikes, also to **John, Nigel and Ian** for assembling the bikes ready for the children to use.

We would also like to thank **Ian** (Yvonne's husband) for making three good bikes out of the old broken ones.

Staff Profile - Liz
Assistant



Liz and her partner and their two sons, (now aged 12 and 17), moved to Stotfold nearly five years ago. They had previously lived in London where Liz worked in after school clubs for many years. As well as running the after school club at Pippin Liz works as a teaching assistant at Roecroft Lower School.

When she is not busy working she helps to run Stotfold's Comanche Cub Pack and enjoys reading, walking and gardening.

Term Dates 2009 / 2010

Autumn Term

Last day of term 17th Dec 2009

Winter Term

Term starts 5th Jan 2010
Half term 15th Feb - 18th Feb 2010
Last day of term 1st April 2010

Summer Term

Term starts 20th April 2010
Half term 31st May - 4th June 2010
Last day of term 21st July 2010

Bank Holiday 3rd May 2010

*Apologies to
Jack Ellis
and Alexie Pateman
for leaving them off the
Christmas Card List.*

**All library books
to be brought back
by
Friday 11th
December 2009
please.**

Pippin Christmas Wish List

If anyone would like to donate a book for our library we would be very grateful. The books wanted are listed on the notice board in the entrance hall should anyone be interested. A book plate will be provided with every book donated which will give the date and name of the donor.

Happy Christmas



Rose, her staff and all the members of the committee would like to wish the children and their parents all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Have a lovely festive time and we look forward to seeing you back on 5th January 2010.

Pippin Christmas Tea Towels



Our Pippin Christmas Tea Towels are now on sale. All the Pippin children have drawn self portraits and portraits of the staff. They make fantastic Christmas gifts priced at £3 each or £5 for two. See Yvonne or Hannah with your payment.

Topic of the Term - Cold Weather

<i>Date</i>	<i>Letter of the week</i>	<i>Number of the week</i>	<i>Topic</i>
5th - 8th Jan	Ss	1	Snow Scenes Snow shakers/pictures/photos
11th - 15th Jan	Aa	2	Arctic Animals Polar bears/penguins/seals/books
18th - 22nd Jan	Ff	3	Footprints/tracks Pictures of animal tracks
25th - 29th Jan	Kk	4	Keeping Warm Winter wear/pictures/books
1st Feb -5th Feb	Ww	5	Winter Storybooks Various books
8th - 12th Feb	Dd	6	Keeping Dry Waterproof clothing/pictures/books



**Please send items in with your child which relate to the week's theme.
Any unrelated items will not be talked about. Thank you.**

