



*Children learning through play*

Earlier this month, **Timbers** held their annual charity dinner and dance, a number of Pippin staff and committee members were present and a great evening was enjoyed by all. We would like a very big 'thank you' to go to **Ted, Nicola, Mark and staff** who, by holding the event raised money for a number of local charities. Pippin Pre-School was only one of the grateful recipients who benefited from a donation from the monies raised from the evening's festivities.

A big thank you to **Stephens Estate Agents** who very kindly purchased the chocolate Easter bunnies that the children will receive after their Easter Egg Hunt.

**Fred and Future Electronics** also deserve a big 'thank you'. They made a considerable donation to Pippin Pre-School.

*Your contributions are very much appreciated as it is thanks to your donations that we are able to keep Pippin, as a registered charity, running. Rose is looking forward to purchasing some new toys and equipment for the children.*

## Show and Tell

Please encourage your child to bring in items **ONLY** related to the theme of the week, as any unrelated items will **NOT** be talked about.

## We have a WEBSITE!

*The Pippin Pre-School's website will be going 'live' on Wednesday 19th March. There will be posters in the Roecroft Centre announcing the launch date.*

We are very proud of our new site, putting Pippin on the Stotfold map. A great deal of work has gone in to making the site as informative as possible and to provide you with information about the work of the pre-school, its staff and the committee.

You will find a downloadable copy of the newsletter on there, so should you prefer to read the Pippin Post online please let us, the committee, know by using the relevant online links.

Stotfold News articles are also available online, as is an Event Diary in which we have included the children's

## Birthdays

*Sincere apologies to children who were omitted from the Pippin Post in Issue 1 re February / March Birthdays.*

*Belated Happy Birthday wishes to:*

**Ella** who was 3 on 23rd of February and **Dylan** and **Jake** who were 3 on 24th of February.

**Happy Birthday wishes to:**

**Evie** who will be 3 on 14th March,  
**Sheldon** who will be 3 on 2nd April,  
**Ivy** who will be 3 on 9th April  
**Abbie** who will be 4 on 16th April and  
**Cody** who will be 3 on 30th April.

Wishing you all a wonderful birthday.



## Reminder

**Easter Egg Hunt - Thursday 20th March.**

We are all looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 20th March.

This will start at 11.00 am so please make sure that all parent / carers arrive by 10.55 am.

*There will be a special visit from the Easter Bunny and Easter Cakes to buy.*

birthdays, along with details of the Easter Egg Hunt. This section will detail all the other events that we organise in order to raise funds and keep Pippin running.

Please take the time to have a look [www.pippinpre-school.org](http://www.pippinpre-school.org)

You never know you may be surprised at what you discover.

We hope you like it!

**Staff Profile - Yvonne**  
Deputy Leader



Yvonne was born in a village called Buckland, between Royston and Buntingford. She is the oldest of four girls. She moved to Baldock in 1970, and then to Stevenage in 1971. Married in Clothall, has two daughters and three grandchildren. Stotfold has been her home for 32 years.

Her hobbies include going to the theatre, listening to Pop music (particularly Cliff Richard and Bon Jovi) walking her dog Maddi, and enjoying quality time with the family.

She has worked in Pippin Pre-School for 24 years, which is just amazing!

**Term Dates 2008**

**Spring Term**

Last day of term Thursday 20th March  
Easter Holiday 21st March - 7th April

**Summer Term**

Term starts Tuesday 8th April  
Bank Holiday 5th May  
Half term 26th - 30th May  
Term starts Monday 2nd June  
Last day of term Friday 18th July

**Autumn Term**

Term starts Wednesday 3rd September  
Half term 27th - 31st October  
End of term Thursday 18th December

Inset days to be confirmed

**Playground Sweep**

Yes, it's that time of year again!  
The Pippin Pre-School playground is in need of a sweep. We are planning to do this on Thursday 17th April and are in need of some more helpers. Is there anyone who can help on this morning, starting at 9.15 am?  
If you are free and able to help, please can you let Rose know.

*Thank you*

**Help please .....**

***We are in need of Gloss Paint!***

Does anyone have any odd tins laying around. They don't have to be full.

After the Pippin Pre-School playground has been swept it will need to be re-painted. We are very low on paint for this and wondered if anyone has any unwanted gloss paint they could donate.

We would need white, blue, red, orange, green, yellow, pink. Can you help?

**Topic of the Week**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Letter of the week</b>	<b>Number of the week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
7th - 11th April	Ss	1	<b>Square</b> - shaped items Books, etc.
14th - 18th April	Tt	2	<b>Triangle</b> - shaped items
21st - 25th April	Cc	3	<b>Circle</b> - shaped items Ball, etc
28th April - 2nd May	Rr	4	<b>Rectangle</b> - shaped items
6th - 9th May	Cc	5	<b>Crescent</b> - shaped items Moon, etc
12th - 16th May	Dd	6	<b>Diamond</b> - shaped items
19th - 23rd May	Ss	7	<b>Star</b> - shaped items Pictures, books etc.

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