



Children learning through play

A big 'thank you' to Brian, who is Chairman of the Bedfordshire Steam Preservation Society, for donating the family ticket for the steam rally at Old Warden Park (Shuttleworth) on 13th/14th September at our recent Mad Hatter's Tea Party raffle.

Also, a big 'thank you' to Altro for kindly donating new flooring for the hallway in the Roecroft Centre.

Staff changes from September 2008

We are very sorry to be losing Karen from our staff team at the end of July.

Karen has worked at Pippin for the past 3 years, and is a valued member of staff. However, I am sure you will all want to join me in wishing her the very best as she is leaving to start her own hairdressing business.

We would also like to say thank you and farewell to Vicky, who is leaving Pippin as her daughter Abbie starts big school.

A very big thank you to you both, we will miss you.

Rose and team

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Jane, who will be joining the Pippin team from September on a permanent basis.

A few words from Rose

Rose would like to say a very big thank you to her staff team:

Yvonne, Sharon, Karen, Donna, Michelle, Clare, Suzanne, Vicky and Jane, for all their love, care and devotion they have given to the children at Pippin over the last school year.

Goodbye to the leavers

Pippin would like to wish all the children moving on to big school the very best of luck and success. We hope you have fond memories of your time at Pippin.

Do come back and visit us to let us know how you are getting on.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday wishes to:

Dominic who will be 3 on 5th August,

Jessica who will be 3 on 12th August,

Kyle who will be 3 on 21st August,

Emily who will be 4 on 25th August,

Clare (staff) who will be 21 again on 26th August,

Isabella who will be 4 on 27th August,

Tyler who will be 3 on 30th August and

Yvonne (staff) who won't be 21 again until 2nd September but the next Pippin Post won't have been completed by then.

Wishing you all a wonderful birthday.



Mad Hatter's Tea Party update

Thank you to all of you who supported the Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Pippin. The children all looked absolutely fantastic in their nursery rhyme hats. The effort put in was really outstanding.

The children sang their hearts out and there were some lovely solos which I'm sure will be treasured by the parents (and quite a few tears too).

Once again the staff did an amazing job in organising the children's day, and ending it all with the tea party itself.

Your entry donations and money for the raffle will, as always, be put towards equipment for the children at Pippin.

Barnado's Toddle

This month we also held the Barnado's Toddle. Again a huge thank you to the parents who helped walk the children around St. Mary's Church and grounds. Without your help, this charity walk would not have taken place.

Sponsor money to be in by 17th July please.

Staff Profile - Donna
Assistant



I covered for Rose's holiday a couple of years ago and have been at Pippin ever since.

I have three children, two boys (13 and 10) and a girl of 6. My eldest is special needs and attends a special school. My 10 year old is at Etonbury and my 6 year old is at St. Mary's.

All my spare time is taken up with after school kids clubs, they have a better social life than me!
I enjoy swimming when I can and days out with Stuart and the children.

Top Tip

Keep track of your child's health issues by using notepads to jot down any ailments they've had or medicines they've received from the doctor. That way, you'll be able to check their medical history quickly.

Term Dates 2008 / 2009**Autumn Term**

Term starts 3rd Sept 2008
Half term **27th Oct - 31st Oct 2008**
Last day of term **16th Dec 2008**

Winter Term

Term starts 8th Jan 2009
Half term 16th Feb - 20th Feb 2009
Last day of term 1st April 2009

Dates for your Diary

16th October - AGM and Parent Consultation with your child's keyworker

14th November - Quiz night

Further details are on our website
www.pippinpre-school.org under *Events Calendar*

Topic of the Week

Date	Letter of the week	Number of the week	Topic
3rd - 5th Sept	-	-	Free choice
8th - 12th Sept	Bb	1	See How I Grow We will have a picture board on display for photographs of your child as a baby
15th - 19th Sept	Pp	2	My Parents Photographs of parents please for our picture board
22nd - 26th Sept	Gg	3	My Grandparents Photographs of grandparents please for our picture board
29th Sept - 3rd Oct	Ff	4	My Family Photographs of siblings/aunts/uncles please for our picture board
6th - 10th Oct	Mm	5	My Pets Pictures of your child's pets
13th - 17th Oct	Tt	6	Favourite Bedtime Toy Child's favourite bedtime soft toy
20th - 24th Oct	Bb	7	My Favourite Book Child's favourite story book

Please send items in with your child which relate to the week's theme.