



Children learning through play

A very big 'thank you' to Steve, John and Mark for laying the blue flooring for us in the hallway of the Roecroft Centre. They very kindly took time out of their weekends to tackle this difficult task. They have done a fantastic job, making the hall look so much brighter and fresher.

Also, another 'thank you' to Steve who put up all the boards and blackboards around the playground of the Roecroft Centre for the children of Pippin. The children really enjoy chalking and using water on them.

AGM and Parents Evening Thursday 16th October 2008

The AGM and Parents Evening will be taking place at the same time. This is a new idea which will enable you to come along and talk to your child's keyworker to find out how they are settling in, or generally doing at Pippin. You will get the chance to view their folders full of artwork and comments on observations of your child. This is also your chance to voice any concerns you may have to your keyworker.

*It will be held on Thursday 16th October 2008 at
The Roecroft Centre , 8.00pm .*

Tempest Photography Monday 17th November at 3.45pm in the Roecroft Centre

Anyone who would like to have their children's photograph taken do please come along to the Roecroft Centre at 3.45pm.

This is for any children, not just children who attend Pippin Pre-School.

Chocoholics catalogue now in. Please let Rose know if you are interested in having a look.

Raffle prizes needed

Do you have any unwanted gifts that you could donate to Pippin for our Quiz Night and Christmas Concert? If you do, please could you put them in the box marked Raffle Prizes in the Roecroft hallway.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday wishes to:

Orla who will be 3 on 16th September,
Charlotte who will be 3 on 27th September,
Isobel who will be 2 on 3rd October,
Hunnah who will be 2 on 10th October,
Aidan who will be 4 on 18th October,
Chanel who will be 4 on 22nd October,
Benjamin who will be 4 on 29th October,
Suzanne (Ben's mum and staff) on 31st October, and
Joseph who will be 4 on 1st November.

Wishing you all a wonderful birthday.



Top Tip

For an easy way to freshen up shoes, fill a sock with one cup of baking soda and tie it with a rubber band. This makes a great odour-eating sachet.

Pippin Pre-School's Annual Charity Quiz Night

Come along and join in the fun, this event is open to everyone!

Date: Friday 14th November 2008

Time: 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Venue: St Mary's Church Hall, Stotfold

Entry fee for the quiz is: £14 for a team consisting of up to 6 members, or £3 per person.

The evening will include a raffle and maybe a silly game or two to raise as much as we can for pre-school equipment.

Bring your own drink and drinking vessels.

Just turn up on the night or, preferably, register your team's details in advance, please email the **committee@pippinpre-school.org** with the main contact's name, a contact number, number of players in your team (up to 6 members) and your team name.

Staff Profile - Clare Assistant



The youngest of 3 children, Clare was born in Norwich, Norfolk where she lived for 8 years. She then moved about a little to Hemel Hempstead and Harrow until finally settling in Letchworth.

She is in a happy relationship and has a daughter, Louise, who is 5 years old.

Clare particularly enjoys swimming, bowling, listening to music but above all else, spending time with her family.

Thank you

Thank you for all the Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers - you collected £2,800 worth for us. We have bought double decker bouncers, nobbly bell balls, monster tracks and a game of tummy ache. The Barnardos Toddle made £672.50. Thank you to all our sponsors.

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.



Very Important Information - please read

County Council Admissions Forms

There are large numbers of families who do not realise that they **need to complete a County Council Admissions form the summer their child turns 3**. i.e. this time round it is those who will have had their 3rd birthday before 1st September (with dates of birth from 1st September 2004 to 31st August 2005).

Many families think they have filled in the form when in fact they have filled in a pre-school or nursery form. There is an increasing demand for school places and even schools where there have always been spare places are over subscribed.

If parents do not apply by 30th September they may not get a place at their nearby schools or even at the school where you have been attending pre-school.

If your child has had their 3rd birthday before 1st September 2008 please make sure you have completed one of the cream forms available from all Lower Schools and Children's Centres. **If you require further advice or information please contact Joanna Maule (School Transfer Adviser) on 01234 316444 asap or the Bedfordshire School Admissions on 01234 718000.**

Parents can apply online, if more convenient, until the closing date of 30th September 2008 at www.bedfordshire.gov.uk/onlineadmissions.