

Great News

Pippin is expanding to meet the needs of the local community

Pippin will be introducing a Breakfast Club commencing from 21st April 2009 catering for children aged 2 - 9 years old. Pippin is committed to providing full wrap around care and the breakfast club is the first stage in this process.

What we offer your child

First and foremost, we offer your child a safe, supervised environment which is tailored to their needs. Pippin is a well established group with a dedicated staff team who are all qualified and have many years of experience between them. All staff are fully CRB checked and all sessions will include a qualified First Aider. We will operate a walking bus for school children with fully qualified members of staff.

Breakfast Club

Times: 7.45 - 9.00 am cost £2.75 per child, including free breakfast.

Breakfast menu: your child will be given a choice from a variety of well known cereals and / or toast which will be provided for them by our assistants (alternative cereals can be provided if necessary in a named airtight container for your child). Milk, juice and water will be freely available as well as a small section of fruit.

Lunch Club

Times: 12.00 - 1.00 pm cost £2.50 per child
Parents to provide lunch for child/children, which should be packed in a suitable named container / lunch bag with a small ice pack included please.

Afternoon Sessions

Monday / Wednesday / Friday 1.00 - 3.30 pm
cost £8.00 per session.

For a registration form, please contact Rose.
Telephone: 01462 834897 / 01462 628972
Email: info@pippinpre-school.org
Alternatively call into Pippin Pre-School any morning, we will be pleased to see you.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday wishes to:

Sheldon who will be 4 and Grace who will be 3 on 2nd April,
Ivy who will be 4 on 9th April,
Keira who will be 3 on 11th April,
Liz (staff) who will be 21 again on 14th April,
Cody who will be 4 on 30th April,
Jeyda who will be 3 on 5th May,
Rose (the Boss) who will be blankety blank on 29th May, and Alexander who will be 3 on 30th May.

Wishing you all a wonderful birthday.



A big 'thank you' to all the parents / carers who have returned the Healthy Eating Award questionnaire.



Reminders

25th March (Wed) - Parents Evening

Information / letters will be sent out later in the week.

1st April (Wed) - Easter Egg Trail

This starts at 11.00 am and is open to all Pippin children even if they don't normally attend on a Wednesday. Parental help is essential to walk the children around the trail, without you this event cannot take place. Please help if you can. There will also be a visit by the very friendly Easter Bunny.

Easter Holidays - Sponsored Treasure Hunt

This fun activity is for parents and their children to do together. We will be giving each child a sheet with items to look for and collect.

Staff Profile - Hannah Assistant



Hannah moved to Stotfold in September 08 with partner Kern, son George and cat Arthur.

She was born in Kent, moved to Surrey and then lived in Lincolnshire for 23 years.

Her past jobs include: CAD Engineer, childminding, organ builder, teaching assistant for children with visual impairments and a playgroup assistant.

Hannah has done many voluntary jobs which include Brown Owl, toddler group leader, playgroup treasurer.

What is left of her spare time Hannah likes to cook, garden and eat chocolate.

Further Important News

We have registered with the **Biggleswade Chronicle Community Cash Point Scheme 2009** and would appreciate your support to collect as many points as possible. The points can be found on page 2 of the Biggleswade Chronicle every week. Each point is worth the equivalent of 1p. At the end of the year the Chronicle will convert the points into cash for Pippin to spend on an item of choice.

There are bonus weeks over the Bank Holidays with extra cash point vouchers.

Please pass your vouchers to anyone you know who has a connection with Pippin. There is, also, a folder in the corridor of the Roecroft Centre, on the Pippin noticeboard, where you could place any vouchers collected. Alternatively, ring or email us and we will collect any vouchers that you save.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Term Dates 2008 / 2009



Winter Term

Last day of term 1st April 2009 (Wednesday)

Spring Term

Term starts 21st April 2009

Bank holiday 4th May 2009

Half term 25th May - 29th May 2009

Last day of term 17th July 2009

Please note that Pippin will be closed on Thursday 4th June due to The Roecroft Centre being used for local elections.

Healthy Eating

The Under 5s Healthy Eating Award is a unique programme aimed at improving the lifestyles of children under 5 years old, who are cared for outside their homes in Bedfordshire.

Pippin believe that by committing to the award we are ensuring that all snacks we provide are healthy which will help the children obtain the nutrition they need to sustain them during the morning session.

The biggest change to the routines at Pippin is that from now on when it is a child's birthday, we will be asking parents / carers to please provide a healthy food gift or a non food gift for your child to share with the other children. i.e. strawberries, stickers, bouncy balls, bubbles, blowers etc.

Further Important News continued

Next month we are looking forward to taking part in the Stotfold Mill Steam Fair & Country Show (9th & 10th May).

Come and see us with your teddy bear tucked under your arm and receive a treat.

You will be able to colour a picture of our Pippin Bear and have your artwork displayed on our Wall of Fame - the best colouring from each age group will win a prize. Download the Pippin Bear picture from our website and bring it with you or visit our stand and colour one on site.

Topic of the Term - Cold Weather

<i>Date</i>	<i>Letter of the week</i>	<i>Number of the week</i>	<i>Topic</i>
9th Mar - 13th Mar	Bb	3	Baby Animals Lambs etc.
16th Mar - 20th Mar	Ff	4	Spring Flowers and Sticky Buds Pictures, books, stories etc.
23rd Mar - 1st Apr	Ee	5	Easter Eggs and Cards

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