



Pippins Newsletter



Autumn.....

The Autumn period has been very busy. Upon returning from the summer break we discussed our holidays and the various destinations everyone had visited. We talked about settling in at Pippins and the importance of classroom etiquette. The children have also been looking at shapes and colours and the effect that autumn



has on animals and the environment, in particular animals that hibernate.

The children have brought in their favourite story books to share with their friends and teachers.

The new addition of a sofa in the book corner has made a very comfortable place for the children to spend time reading.

Christmas is fast approaching and the sound of festive singing can be heard around the nursery as the children enjoy the

Christmas songs.

They have had lots of fun making Christmas crafts with the classroom once again full of glitter and sparkle. Parents have been invited to come into Pippins for a Christmas craft afternoon on 15 December. Parents are always welcome to visit the classroom and have a look at the work that the children have produced.



Baby Pippins

We are pleased to welcome Lisa Kemp who recently joined the Baby Pippins team. The baby room is busy with only limited spaces available from January. Staff have taken time to settle in the new children, getting to know them and their parents. They have made full



use of the very mild autumn weather by going on lots of lovely orchard walks with the children.

Recent topics have included autumn, animals and, of course, Christmas. The children have had great fun making Christmas crafts

and playing with the glitter!



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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Christmas Craft Afternoon on 15 December from 2.00-4.00 Everyone welcome!
- ☺ Afternoon Sessions (*spaces still available*)
- ☺ A photographer will be at Pippins on 22 May 2012.



General

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We chose two picnic tables from the vouchers collected by you from Sainsburys. The children have enjoyed using these when playing outside. We have also banked some vouchers for 2012. Thank you for all your support!

Tesco Vouchers

We selected some art equipment and balls for all the children to use. We also banked some vouchers for next year.

Nursery Information

We would like to congratulate Jo who is expecting her first baby in June 2012.

The staff continue to keep busy updating their personal professional development portfolios by attending a variety of courses.

We are currently having some work done in the garden where we are upgrading the wooden

And finally.....

There are still a few afternoon sessions remaining in the spring for anybody who would like to increase their attendance in order to claim full government funding.

In addition we do have swimming sessions available on Tuesdays. Please let Lynne know if you would like to increase your sessions as soon as possible.

Peripatetic Teachers

Just to remind parents that Madame Day comes to Pippins on Monday afternoons to speak French with the children. They have recently been learning to count up to ten in French!



play area. The children will be able to use this space again after Christmas.

Thank you to all those parents who supported our recent clothes collection in aid of our charity.

In 2012 we will once again be collecting the supermarket vouchers and would be grateful for your continued support.

Once again, we request that children only bring one comforter/toy with them to Pippins as it can sometimes be very difficult to find everybody's belongings at the end of the session!

Also please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the cold weather as we do spend time outdoors in all conditions!

Also, our dance and drama teacher, Liz Barrow, who comes to Pippins on Friday mornings is very popular with all the children. They love to join in with role playing and basic ballet moves whilst having lots of fun with their friends.

Charity Week

Charity Week will be held in the spring and we will once again be raising funds for the Joshua Orphan Trust. We will notify you of any planned events in due course!



Pippins reopens on **Tuesday 3 January 2012** after the Christmas break.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New

