



Stanmore Baptist Preschool

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of our preschool newsletter. We hope it brings joy, insight and inspiration to your homes. If you have any ideas for the next edition or anything you'd like to contribute for the content we'd love to hear from you! *Sian, Committee Chair*



Making crumble



Making bread



Our biscuits



Ready, steady, cook!

We are very excited because after a term of not being able to use the new kitchen at SBC it is finished and we can cook! The Kangaroos made Apple Crumble and the Stars have made biscuits and bread. We hope the children enjoyed eating their work. *Auntie Alison*



Snow scenery

We hope you have had the opportunity to see our snow picture in the foyer windows. Let me tell you a little about its 'evolution'. Since our theme for the week was winter I thought we might make a collage of a tree in snow. I envisaged a bare tree with a smattering of snow falling and a layer of snow on the ground, as last term we had talked about how leaves fall off trees in autumn. Out came some paint rollers, a flurry of cotton wool, lots of glue and a generous amount of white paint. With a little direction and encouragement the children got to work. At this point the creative flair of some of the children took over. A snow drift appeared followed by a large expanse of snow that looked so much like a snowman, or perhaps a snow bear, we had to add eyes, a nose and buttons. Paint rollers are such fun to use - it's possible to cover a large expanse in a short time!

The children were pleased with their art work so we thought we would show all those who passed by the church.

We hope you like it too! *Auntie Sue*



Hi, I'm Auntie Sapna. I've been working at Preschool for 8 years now having fun playing with all the children who come and go over the years. When I'm at home, I play with my 2 rabbits, Cookie and Flapjack. They are very inquisitive and always hungry, just like my 2 children! When the weather warms up, I look forward to being out in my garden planting and watching the flowers grow.



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**Half term
dates are:
15th to 19th
Feb**



Our history...

Stanmore Baptist Church Preschool has its beginning in 1964 when a lady named Shirley Taylor, who had a young family, found there were no groups to take her children to play and mix with other children. She was a member of Stanmore Baptist Church and was asked by a friend if she had thought of starting a playgroup to fill the gap. She had a big think about it and decided to give it a go. She got backing from the Minister as he thought it would bring more people to the Church and obtained toys from a school that had recently closed. Playgroup started with 24 children on Tuesdays and Fridays at a cost of two shillings and sixpence (25p) per morning.

Shirley continued to lead the Playgroup until 1972 when Jill Brown took over. Joyce Gray took over the leadership in 1991 by which time there were 52 children coming each week, 26 on a Tuesday and Thursday and 26 children on Wednesday and Friday. Brenda Day ran the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions and Joyce ran Thursday and Friday. Children could do more days in their last

term before starting school.

The Playgroup has always been an outreach of the Church and a service to the local community and was run by unpaid helpers until 2008. It originally came under Harrow Council regulations with annual inspections until Ofsted became involved. After 2008 we registered to receive the Nursery funding and were able to pay staff. We have seen many changes, from the days of simple planning of activities, to the introduction of the Early Years Foundation Stage with all its requirements. Due to suggestions from parent questionnaires we introduced a uniform and later decided to open on Mondays from September 2015.

The most important thing that still remains is that the children feel welcomed and loved and have fun while they are learning. We also strive to support parents with their first experience of leaving their children outside of the home environment.

