

GILL LOVELL—TEACHER



- Dates for your diary:

Monday : swimming resumes—please ensure you have sent back permissions and money. Hopefully cooking pancakes filled with chopped fruit in cookery or on Wednesday—weather dependent. (Pancake day for Shrove Tuesday)

Tuesday: pm Yoga and music with Aimee and Susie as I have time to support my old class Finches.

Wednesday am : café visit at Fairfield Farm College if bus and driver available and walk to park in the afternoon or on Monday depending on weather forecast.

Wellies a good idea!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend, - Gill, Jess, Tash, Maria and Ange and Becky our MDSA

Don't forget to keep checking our school website for lots of info and links to useful sites.

Penguins newsletter

Welcome back—lots of smiley faces! February 24th 2017

Welcome back everyone, and it's strange to think we are now half way through the school year!

On our inset day on Monday we spent time looking to safeguarding issues, worked on making our school an inclusive environment, looked at how to make our IEP paperwork look and feel more of a good working document for our partnership with parents and attended a number of workshops from yoga to lego to "germ busting" to Makaton and postural management.

It was lovely to see smiley faces back in on Tuesday and after doing our early morning work of reading and a *teacch* box task it was fun to go to our singing and signing assembly. Staff from other classes commented (with a tear or two) how wonderful it was to see our children using communication quick talk sheets to communicate their needs rather than using behaviour. We have been using now and next strips for a long time now and about 6 weeks ago I introduced the quick talk sheets with great success. I have sent home a version



To some children already for home use, and will be sending home versions for others to trial at home as I feel they are ready to use or if they will benefit.. I will first send home a paper copy and then ask you to comment back before finding a final version that works for you at home.

Fabulous learning awards go to the following children this week:

Rhiannon—brilliant cookery and quick transition to start the task!

Rossi—amazing achievements in the bathroom!

Richard—great co-operation in science (sieving and separating natural materials) and cookery...great focus.

Jaxon—our speedy transitioner! And maths hunter.

Olu— also very focussed hunting out dinosaur feet in maths. (matching to a grid to count to 5 -10)

What I have been hearing about ...

I have met our new SALT—Karen and she will be starting to review children and arrange to meet Parents who have requested appointments. Most weeks she will be in school on Mondays but this week Wednesday due to a prior commitment.

I recently attended a mini course at Fosseway school in Radstock on using the AET (Autism Education Trust) framework for assessment and planning interventions. It looks like it will be a good tool to use with the SCERTS I already use. I hope to share use of this with you all at parent's evenings and annual review meetings during the year.

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We got new safety knives this week to use for cutting...they are "lettuce knives" and although big cut fruit and veg well without cutting skin.

Making banana and orange oat cookies...made just with those 3 ingredients and all about chopping and stirring—Rossi thought they were lovely in particular—even if they didn't look the most appetising thing...healthy though!



Wow, great attention Rossi and Rhiannon and Richard was brilliant at pointing to each symbol instruction as we read what to do next.

Good improving tolerance for wearing aprons too.

