

This year has been a year full of goodbyes and hellos. Sadly, Andrew's grandfather, Bernard, died this spring. He was an amazingly rounded man and we will miss him. Lizzie's Godfather, Frank, also died. Both were men who loved God and we are comforted to know that they are with Him now. Also, our associate pastor, Jez, and his wife moved away to plant a church in Birmingham. Several new friends, however, have moved into the area and several new babies have been born or are expected (none ours, this time!). God has been good to us and helped us to grow, individually and as a family. We have been richly blessed by Him throughout the events of this year.



Kirsty is seven, in Primary 2 and is a kind and helpful big girl. She is a prolific reader and will read anything she finds. Her laughter is very infectious and she is not yet too old to enjoy a good tickle. She has started gymnastics along with Ewan and her confidence has grown over the weeks. She enjoys balancing on the beam. Kirsty has such a heart for God and a caring attitude. She is very keen on babies, which is a good thing as our church is having a mini baby boom. There are still some developmental issues with Kirsty but she is very much growing up.



Ewan is five and started P1 this August. He took to school like a duck to water and has made good friends with the other P1s. He definitely has an engineering mindset and is always investigating what would happen if he put this in there, or tied that onto this. He loves building models and finding out how the world has been put together. Ewan also thinks very deep thoughts and frequently comes out with profound observations about the world and God. He has started to attend the church's 126 club along with Kirsty and has great fun there.

Rosie is three. She started nursery this autumn and is in a class with her two best friends. She is still strong willed and can be quite wild at times. She started speaking quite late but had caught up already. She is very keen to learn and has an artistic streak. Rosie is constantly singing and especially likes to sing along to Colin Buchanan (a Christian musician from Australia). She goes to Gymnippers and demonstrates an amazing combination of strength, flexibility and fearlessness. Rosie recently also demonstrated a talent for hairdressing by cutting her own hair to form a fringe. It actually turned out to be quite nice!



Andrew is happy at work but is no longer able to cycle to work because of problems with his knees. He is trying to grow more in discipline and Godliness, and work with Lizzie to become better parents. He is getting involved in the school by looking after the aged computers and trying to get as good a system running as he can.

Lizzie is enjoying having the children that bit older and more independent, and has learnt a lot (spiritually) this year. She is keen to love Jesus as much as she can. She is still running Toddlers, and has moved up to Improvers level at Ballet.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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