



Darren News



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Another issue full of events humorous and otherwise, including funny things the children have done and said over the past twenty months.

Tears of joy

Literally in this case when Sean cried after successfully tying his own shoe lace.

He's no sucker

Not any more anyway. Poor old 'Gum, Gum' has been relegated to the bin now that Andrew doesn't need it anymore. After all there's still 'Sheet' - but more on that in another story.

Energy replacement

'I need something to eat to replace the energy I've used up playing and running'. Obviously Jonathan finds it hard work enjoying himself.

Sheet goes to the toilet

Nicola was wondering what was going on when she heard Andrew going in to the bathroom one night and chattering to himself. When she went to investigate Andrew was holding 'sheet' over the toilet.  "What are you doing?" she asked. "Sheet wanted to go to the toilet", was the reply.

Grandpa out of favour

Just as Hayley started school Grandma gave her the new school cardigan she had knitted. On leaving she asked Bethany if she wanted Grandma to give her a cuddle from Grandpa. The suggestion went down like a lead balloon because Grandpa had

chosen the smiley face buttons for Hayley's school cardigan

Grandpa Hayley

When Hayley was making a book of her family she drew a picture of herself with a beard. When he mummy asked why she had drawn herself like that, she said. "I want to be like grandpa."

It's sort of alright!

"Hello Andrew. Did you have good day at play school?"
"Yes and No."

A handy-man

"Jonathan, why did you touch that when you were told not to?"
"It wasn't me, it was my hand."

Head, teacher

"Jonathan, your teacher told me you have been naughty. Why did you misbehave?"
"I had my naughty head on."

Same as Sam

When out with mummy the other day, Andrew saw a labrador.  "Look mummy, there is a dog like Sam."
"Why do you say that Andrew. He is nothing like Sam."
"Yes he is, he's got a black nose."

Ill at Ease

Some people hate being ill. Not Bethany. When Hayley had a bug and was off school, Bethany complained saying that it wasn't

fair that Hayley was ill.

You're Welcome!

When Andrew and Mummy visited Nannie (Stanbridge), Nannie said to Andrew on his departure "Thank you for coming to see me." To which Andrew replied. "That's alright."

Grandma's are Best

When Mummy offered to buy Bethany a dress, Miss Fussy replied "No, I want Grandma to buy one for me. She buys nicer dresses than you."

Legless

Sean never was one for tying shoelaces; but when Darren told him to tie his shoelaces recently, the conversation went something like this.

"Do your shoelaces up Sean."
"I can't."
"Yes you can. Do them up."
"I wish I had velcro shoes."
"Well you haven't. Do your laces up."
"They're too tight I need new shoes."
"No you don't. Do your laces up."
"When is it bed time?"
"Six hours. Do you want me to spend six hours saying 'Do your laces up.'?"

Having finally done one lace up and flopping back in the chair. Darren said "What about the other shoe?"
"Oh, I wish I only had one leg."

Love him and leave him

Melanie: "You could be allergic to Timmy."
Bethany: "What will happen to him?"

Melanie: "We may have to find him another home."

Bethany (with tears): "Oh, I don't want Timmy to go I love him so much."

Melanie: "We could get a hamster or gerbil in place of him."

Bethany: "Oh good. When can Timmy go?"

Falling for Emily

When Grandpa spent part of the morning at Jonathan's school as part of Dad's and Grandad's day he was asked to 'adopt' Emily because neither her Dad nor Grandad could come.

Later that day at home Jonathan said to his mum.

"Mummy, I'm very sad."

"Why Jonathan?"

"I think Grandpa's becoming attached to Emily. I think he prefers her to me."

The chair



Every morning at breakfast Jonathan and Andrew scramble to sit in the same chair (by the sideboard).

The other morning Jonathan got upset because Andrew had sat in it first.

However, when Andrew got down for a moment Jonathan leapt in the chair, upsetting Andrew.

"Why do you fight for the same chair?"

Asked mummy. "They are all the same."

When mummy told Jonathan to sit the other side and let Andrew have the chair, Jonathan grabbed hold of the chair and slowly dragged it round the table.

"What are you doing?" demanded mummy.

"I want this chair."

"They are all the same", said a frustrated mum. In fact when you are both out I will change the chairs around so you won't know which is which!"

New Babe Jay

March 4th at 0403 is this year's baby day, when Sean's brother arrived in the world at 6lb 9oz. Mum



Mel and her baby were soon back home. The final choice of name took a while to decide; although Sean favoured Patrick and dad Darren's choice

was Zeus. (The Gods should look favourably upon that!)

Father Christmas got it wrong!

When Melanie, Lee, Bethany & Hayley went to see the new babe, Hayley remarked that she thought Father Christmas was going to bring the family a baby girl. Wrong chimney again I guess!



Toothless

Bethany was over the moon on 12th March when her first milk tooth came out. Another visit for the tooth fairy.

Renaults rule OK

On Thursday, March 13th Andrew asked if daddy was going to buy a new car, after having only just replaced his Volkswagen Polo with a BMW.

"No", replied mummy. "He's only just bought one. Why do you say that?"

"Because it's Renaults (re'nose) day."

Sheet is unwell

Mummy Nicola was woken up the other night with sounds of someone being sick in the toilet. When she went to investigate she found Andrew leaning over the toilet with sheet.

"What's the matter Andrew?"

"Sheet's been sick."

"Oh dear, poor sheet."

"He's also been sick in the bed so you will have to change it."

'Oh no', Nicola thought, 'does that mean he has really been sick?' But when she went to investigate the bed was clean.

"No, you will have to change it." Andrew insisted. "Sheet's been sick in it."

When mum made the pretence of changing it Andrew was satisfied and took sheet back to bed!

An isolated incident



When Grandma & Grandpa returned from their holiday in China Melanie told Bethany and Hayley that their grandparents may have to be quarantined in case that had picked up the SARS virus.

"Oh no," said Bethany. "I don't want Grandma to be quarantined."

"What about Grandpa?" asked Mummy. In reply Bethany just shrugged her shoulders.

Lee takes early retirement

Lee retired from his job at the local water company in September! Well actually he resigned to become a full time student studying for a Foundation Degree in Personal training & Sports Development. Good luck Lee!



House sells after 19 months

After nineteen months, two estate agents and a clutch of "buyers" Mum & Dad's (Davies) house finally sold.



New Job for Melanie

Melanie resigned from her evening job in October, taking up a daytime job in Camberley during school hours.

Nicola's doppelganger

It seems that Nicola has a doppelganger, or at least her car does. Apparently she was caught four times on camera in central London, whilst at the same time at

It's not my car, honest!



a friend's house at the time of the first incident, with her Dad at the second, at the playschool the third and at the fitness centre the fourth. A campaign of letter writing, emails, appearance in the local press, contacting the police, the DVLC and finally a solicitor finally convinced the congestion "authorities" that perhaps they had got it wrong?

All that Jazz

Grandma has joined the Jazz club and is now singing the (ice) blues in her new Honda Jazz. Let's hear that (engine) beat, Grandma!

Happy Christmas everyone and keep those stories rolling in!