

## 12-18 MONTHS

Wednesday 1<sup>ST</sup> August, 2007

### **H A P P Y   B I R T H D A Y ! ! ! ! !**

Got up and dressed before I came into you (for a change). You woke up about 7.30am but didn't go in until 7.45am, when I did and had opened the curtains I sang you 'Happy Birthday' straight away and you looked at me as if to say 'Mother, what are you on about!?' – Ha ha.

Had your first proper 'Cow juice' for breakfast and bottle instead of formula and you took it no problem.

Had a busy day, unfortunately Mummy had to go the Dentist in Frimley so Granny Oxlade looked after you with Granddad Ray.

Had a bit of trauma getting there as they had shut one of the roads but with a little bit of help in the form of phone calls to Granny Oxlade we got there in the end. Opened your presents from them before I left.



Got back and you had been no problem, had been eating grapes and when I peered round the corner into the living room you were helping yourself from the fruit basket – hmmm!

Didn't leave to come home until just before 12 and thought you might fall asleep again like you did when we went to Granny & Granddad Motts yesterday but we made it.

Had your dinner and a pudding but NO lunch bottle (for the first time) and you got a bit wingy at about 1pm so snuggled you and you eventually gave in and went to sleep.

Managed to put you down upstairs in your cot for your nap (again another first so will try to keep that up too now). You must have been very comfortable as you slept through Uncle Chaz (Scooby), Auntie Mandy (Panda), Alex & Josie's visit and I had to wake you up at 2.45pm!.

Richard and his mum popped over and turned up at the same time as Auntie Hillary, Luke & Amelia with cards and presents for you.

## TALK ABOUT AN EXTREMELY SPOILT GIRL TODAY!!

Thanks to the following for their presents:-

Granny & Granddad Mott -£10 for her account

Great Granny Attrill -£10 for her account

Granny Oxlade & Granddad Ray -Baby Walker, hand knitted cardigans & Dolly.

Uncle Chaz, Auntie Mandy & Family – *Cuddly Hedgehog* & Clothes.

Richard -Photo, piggy bank and trinket box set.

Debbie, Laurence, Jamie & Lucy from No 20 (Next door) – *Cuddly Hedgehog*.

Sarah – Silver engraved Birth certificate holder, ball game & knitted jacket.

Auntie Hilary, Uncle Kevin, Luke & Amelia – Box of wooden bricks

Marg (Hilary's Mum) – Tie book

Auntie Veronica & Uncle Mick – Fire Engine & Train books (with sound!).

Uncle Tony & Auntie Maggie - £10 for her account.

Mummy & Daddy bought you a big dolly and something you will get when your 18!.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Held a massive BBQ in the back garden to celebrate your birthday and get all of the Motts, Attrills & Oxlade's together for the first time since Daddy & I got married 7 years ago.

Mummy & Daddy did get a bit stressed and quite a bit of food got wasted but all in all it turned out quite well we think

YOU WERE A STAR – Got you up after your nap and half expected you to have an ab-dab at all the people that had suddenly appeared



but you were spectacular all afternoon keeping everyone amused.

Lots of pictures taken of which Granddad Mott had already added to your web-page by the time you had gone to bed that evening. Speaking of which, I gave you a bath last night because I thought you would be too tired tonight but ended up having to give you one anyway because you were filthy!! – But you had fun so who cares.....

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 – Had your Hib B/Men C booster today and you cried until I gave you a biscuit!!.



Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 – Had a massive temperature and very clingy. This continued for the Thursday and Friday but you developed a cough and started losing your voice as well!. Saturday and Sunday Morning, you got up for your breakfast but went back to sleep straight after (you actually slept on the sofa next to Daddy on Sunday Morning!). Went to Droxford to celebrate Auntie Veronica & Uncle Micks 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary but you weren't up to much. Slept in the car on the way there and on the way back, only took half your

bottle at bed-time but went straight to sleep no problems.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 – You did wake up a bit later today but you have all but practically lost your voice. Phoned the Doctors and got you checked over. Yes you do have a sore throat but no ear infection thank goodness so carry on with the Cuprofen. Didn't eat much of your dinner and went down for your afternoon nap straight after. Daddy has 2 weeks off now so we did a few things together for the first week but with you being unwell it was a bit stressed but as you got better, Sarah helped Daddy to concrete where the mud was outside and put up a fence.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Daddy went back to work today and I set about catching up on the 3 weeks worth of ironing. Put the stereo on and you played all day like a good girl.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – You were in a right funny mood today, kept crying and being a bit spiteful. (Completely different from yesterday!). Found out that you have 2 more teeth coming through at the bottom so working on 3 in total so far this month!!. Took you upstairs to write the blog and try to distract you as you like playing with Richards's toys!.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Had another injection (booster Pneumococcal) which you then proceeded to get a heavy cold after and we had the usual problems at night for a few days with you waking up because you can't breathe.

### **EXCEPTIONALLY CLINGY FOR THE BEST PART OF AUGUST, SEPTEMBER...**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Put you to bed half an hour later today as after discussions with Daddy and the clocks going back at the end of October did not want to be in a predicament where you will end up going to bed at 6pm (i.e 7pm after clocks go back) and are up at 6am!!. Took you outside with me while I weeded the garden (following comments made after Granny & Granddad Mott and Granny Attrill came over!) and didn't go up for a bath until 7pm.



Bath went really well and we got through the hair washing without any tears.

NEXT WEEK HOPE TO GET BACK TO A NORMAL ROUTINE AND GET OUT A BIT MORE.

MONTH 13 STARTED WALKING PROPERLY!

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Got you your first pair of proper shoes and winter coat. Bought some reins as well!!!

Got quite a lot of oweees the last couple of weeks as you have bumped your head on different things due to your legs & feet not quite working as well as you would like,

MONTH 14 OH MY GOD!!!

You have basically spent the entire month so far doing nothing but winging, crying, wanting cuddles and basically winding me and Daddy up – ARRGGGHHHHH

One thing though, Granny Mott came swimming with us and she managed to get you to move your arms and legs together.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Had to get up early!, pick up Granny Mott and take you to Doctor Richard Primavesi for your first appointment and get your measles injection (not having MMR).



**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November – 15 months today.** No repercussions from your measles injections and have cheered up considerably over the last couple of weeks.

Although still having problems getting you to eat a substantial amount of breakfast have decided to drop the 4 ounce bottle of milk you have in the mornings as of today.

Had a mini pizza today for the first time but did have to cut off all of the edges and break it into little bits so you could manage it.

Tried Tuna with rice this month as something new and you seemed to like it.

Ask you for a kiss and you actually come up and give either open or closed mouth 'proper' kisses and say 'kiss' after!! – so cute....

Breakfast has improved in the last week again.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Didn't want your afternoon nap!! – but ended up being a complete pain in the posterior in the late afternoon/ evening!.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Tried to get you to sleep after dinner again and you kind of dozed after about twenty minutes of trying but woke up the minute I got up to take you upstairs, put you in your cot for a bit but resigned myself to the fact that you weren't going to go to sleep so brought you back downstairs again.

Looks like you might be outgrowing your afternoon naps – b\*\*ger! – However, you did sleep until 8am this morning..

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Went to family group hoping the running around would tire you out, thank goodness Daddy had a half day today as he managed to get you to sleep instead.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Went to sleep straight after dinner no prob!! – hmm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Daddy and I had a lay in until 8am then I went and got you and put you in bed with us to play while Daddy woke up. I had a migraine so was going to stay in bed until after I had had some painkillers.

PLAN B – Scrap the above, Daddy got you dressed and you were just about to go downstairs with him when you tripped on your Eeyore mat and head butted the door frame. Loud shout from Daddy for help after you burst into tears at which point I shot out of bed to see you with a big bump on your forehead. Got a cold flannel to try and get down swelling but you weren't having any of it. When we put you down you stopped crying and wanted to play!! We agreed though that you should get checked out at A&E so Daddy took you while I got Richard his breakfast and nursed my head!.

What with your 'cling on' bruise and the two bright red cheeks from teething you look a right mess.

Went down for your afternoon nap no problem though but on Sunday Daddy had to persevere upstairs with you and got you to fall asleep face down on our bed before I put you into your cot. Maybe if I leave you for a bit longer after your dinner before trying you for a nap. Suspect that you are growing out of them but you still need at least to cut them down bit by bit instead of cutting them out completely.



Have taught you to point your finger for 'up' instead of squealing and now sounds like you are starting to say up too!.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December – 16 months today and apart from being good for Granny Oxlade while Daddy & I went shopping you had the right hump from the minute we came back in the door until I got you to sleep for your afternoon nap!.

Took you swimming again yesterday with Granny Mott and you are getting really good at your movements. Only wanted Granny to swim with!

Have had some spots/ rash on your tummy for nearly 2 weeks now and just when you think they are going they come up again or you get a new one. Showed some of the mums at family group on Thursday and we all concurred it looks neither like chicken pox or measles. Was going to take you to the Doctors on Friday morning but they had gone down but up again today so definitely think I will take you to the Doctors on Monday morning as that might be the explanation for your mood swings if you are feeling poorly?!

LOVE YOU even if you are driving me and Daddy insane some days!!!!.

Will make tiger, monkey & snake noises when asked 'what sound does a ..... make?!.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Had Mummy up twice in the night and Daddy once as have gone down with a stinking cold. Decided that due to the fact you still have diarrhoea after 2 weeks that I will try and get you a Doctors appointment on Monday – just to be on the safe side!! (Apart from the fact you are driving me doo-lally with your constant mood swings and squealing!!)



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December – decided to take you off the bottle and use a trainer cup for your evening milk instead for two reasons. One because you have a cold and are finding it hard to suck through the small hole and two so that in a couple of months time we can hopefully wean you off the bottle altogether.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December – Fell over your own feet, hit your chin on your car and bit through your bottom lip – doh!

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2008!!!!!!! – Decided that this was the week to start getting you into an activity at least once a day. Mondays we would leave as that

is my housework day so tomorrow you go to Busy Beex (Gymnastics Club), Wednesdays JJ's (Activity Centre), Thursdays family group and Friday's swimming – that's £10 a week in fees.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Daddy put up your new (Borrowed) bed and took down the cot while Sarah & I took you into town. When we got back and showed you, you climbed straight in no problems and loved it ever since.

Have put your 'Charlie' Dog by the bed bottom just in case you fall out the gap in the middle of the night until you get more used to not wriggling.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January – We all went down with sickness & diarrhoea combined with you having a cold too and me ear-ache!.

You can say '2' now.