



News from Paraguay



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Dear friends,

Greetings from a freezing Paraguay. After three glorious weeks the weather has suddenly gone wintry again and it's cold and wet.

It's hard to believe that it's a month since we returned from England. Time has flown by and we have both been very busy. The school holidays had been lengthened by the Ministry of Education because of a flu epidemic and so we arrived back only one day late for the start of classes. It's been all go from then on!



School has been very busy. The pupils seemed to take time in settling back into routine after three weeks holiday and this, added to the fact that the man in charge of discipline in the secondary had broken his ankle and was unable to be here for three weeks, didn't help. We're pleased to report that Carlos is now back in school but still hobbling around.

Both of us had birthdays in July and we have been well and truly celebrated since we came back. We had a staff breakfast here, a staff barbecue at the secretaries house one weekend plus visits to other friends to continue the celebrations.



In the last week Gwen has also taken over a group from 5th grade to help the new teacher who was still adjusting to life in Paraguay. This means that Gwen now only goes to pre school for a short time each day and then the very capable helpers take over whilst she is in 5th grade. It just happens to be exam time too for the lower secondary and primary so that all needs sorting out too.



Mags was straight back to her maths classes and the IGCSE exams are looming so the 11th grade are getting ready for those in October. Gwen was back to her pre school class but plans for the Family show were scrapped due to lack of time and too many activities. These activities have included celebrations for Friendship day and for Children's day. The older pupils have also all visited the various projects they support.



Before we left for the UK the men from school started painting our house inside. We asked them to hold off whilst we were away but they are now back. So we are busy sorting out, washing curtains and relocating pictures etc. They seem to be almost finished now.