



Dear Families,

**Updates:**

Sadly we say goodbye to Karla on Friday 2nd, she will be sorely missed. We are in the process of recruiting a new nursery nurse for babies.

We will be introducing breakfast from 12<sup>th</sup> August. All children will have access to either cereal or toast and fruit, along with milk or water. This will be available from 8:00am until 9:15am. Please can we remind parents that we cannot allow food in from home.

We will hold an Open Evening on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August for parents to come in and meet your child's new key person and the team in the room they will start in September. We will discuss your child's interests at home and share any information you think may be pertinent to help with the transition and to help them settle as quickly as possible.

**Looking ahead:**

This month we will be celebrating our graduation for the kindergarten children who are all moving on to school. Parents – if you haven't already confirmed your numbers, please speak to Mandy or the Kindergarten team. The graduation will take place at St Mary's Church at 3pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Refreshments will be provided after the ceremony.

We will only have 4 rooms from September, we will focus on babies, toddlers, transition and kindergarten. We may reopen the toddler blue room again

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> we would like to invite all parents and children to join us for a Cream Tea at 4pm.

Kind regards

*Amanda Marsden*

Nursery Manager



## Fundraising

Thank you to those who participated in the Teddy Bear's Picnic. We raised £27 which will go to Bright Spaces.

## Diary Dates:

7<sup>th</sup> Daughter's Day

9<sup>th</sup> Book Lover's day

10<sup>th</sup> Lazy Day

16<sup>th</sup> Graduation 3pm

19<sup>th</sup> Open Evening  
6:30-7:30pm

26<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
Monday – the nursery  
will be closed.

30<sup>th</sup> Cream tea 4pm

### Babies and Toddler Blue

This month babies have been enjoying the sunshine and exploring different water based activities to keep cool. The babies have enjoyed exploring temperature through ice cube play and filling and emptying water with funnels and boats. The younger babies have enjoyed splashing with their hands in bubbly water and reaching for objects in the trays. Next month babies are going to be focusing on summer holidays as lots of our babies have recently been on a summer holiday or have a holiday planned. We will be exploring sand, shells and different summer clothes that the babies will be able to dress up in.

In July Toddler Blue have been focusing on the provocation farm animals. Over the last few weeks we have been exploring different textures that we would find at the farm such as the feeling of hay, mud and grass and talking about what it feels like. We role played and discussed our favourite animals and talked about which animals we see at the farm and the noises they make. We also created our own interpretation of our farm animals through mark making with different pieces of sugar paper.



### Toddlers

In July the toddler room have been exploring transitions to prepare them for their move up as well as looking at opposites. We have been exploring ice play by looking at what helps it melt. We have been using our warm hands and hammers to observe changes. We incorporated herbs and talked about the different scents. The toddlers have been looking at opposites such as hard vs soft and wet vs dry through water play, paint and wooden blocks. We have transferring our interests out into the garden by doing bubble wrap painting and practicing our fine motor skill with emptying and pouring the water. In August we will be looking at our move up board so the children become ready for their transition in September. On this board we have the members of staff and the children so they can match themselves with their key person, this will help familiarise the children.



### Transition

In July we explored mini beasts outdoors, which led to transferring the snail spirals into our creative painting indoors. We have talked about Summer and how to keep safe with sun hats and sun screen. We have explored malleable materials, making ice creams from playdough and exploring how clay changed with the addition of water. We also explored the properties of water, observing how ice changed shape when held in our warm hands or submerged in water.

In August we will be focusing on the move up to Kindergarten



### Kindergarten

This month Kindergarten have been investigating bugs and nature out in the sunshine. After the excitement of our butterflies last month the children have continued to be excited by bugs and creepy crawlies which has inspired many bug hunts in the garden. We have been lucky enough to catch a few bugs and the children have been using these to inspire their own observational drawings and discussions around habitats and physical comparisons between different creatures. Indoors we have been investigating new ways to create artwork and the children have begun to explore how they can create different shapes and effects by folding paper.

This is something we will continue to explore over the month of August as we prepare to say good bye to all of our friends as they move on to big school. We are also excited to celebrate the time they have spent with us in Yellow Dot at our graduation ceremony and we look forward to seeing you all there on Friday 16th August at St Mary's Church at 2:30 for the ceremony to start at 3:00pm. Don't forget all children are also welcome at the rehearsal the day before at 2:30 in the church.