

Dear Families,



I can't believe it's August! Thank you so much for those of you who came along to our **Cream Tea**, it was a lovely afternoon and it was so nice to see you. The Kindergarten children enjoyed their graduation and looked ever so grown up in their graduation gowns and did us all proud on the day. It has been a fabulous journey for many of the Kindergarten children going through Yellow Dot and we wish them all the best at 'BIG' school. The children, and Team enjoyed having the experience of the ice-cream van visiting which happened to coincide with the hottest day so far.

Thank you for those who were able to attend our Open Evening, we hope you found it useful. The team have been supporting the children with their trial sessions in their new rooms to ensure the move will go smoothly. If you have any questions or concerns please do speak to your Room Manager or myself.

A warm welcome to Laura and Amelia who have joined our Baby Team. Laura is our new Baby Room Manager who has worked for 8 years in childcare and has her BH Hons in Early childhood Studies and Amelia is our Modern Apprentice.

We say farewell to Helle our Kindergarten Senior Nursery Nurse who is spreading her wings in Rome where she will be an Au Pair, we wish Helle all the very best.

As Summer is now here please could I remind you to label your child's sunhat and sun cream and pop them in their bag.

Warm regards

Maryanne Strickland

Nursery Manager

Moving up

Moving rooms can be a daunting and exciting experience for any child. As it can trigger confusing emotions in us a positive approach is important. Often children's fears will be around practical issues, but we should also be mindful that making new relationships can take time.

What can we do to help?

- Spend time with the new Key Person and in the new environment.
- Give children opportunities to talk about their concerns and to ask questions.
- Ensure that each child will need to be supported sensitively by all involved adults throughout the transition process.

Dates for your Diary

- **Nursery Closed**
Bank Holiday
Monday 28th August
- **Room moves**
4th September
- **Parent Consultations**
27th September
6pm–8pm

Babies



Over the past month we have had lots of our Babies 'flying' off for their Summer Holidays so we have made a holiday exploration tray for them to explore filled with items they may experience while away. The children have been trying on hats, sunglasses and goggles which led onto a picture match up game. We also incorporated photos of their own holiday's which they have been looking at with their friends. As well as this we have started spending more time with the Toddlers, where the Babies have been very interested in exploring their garden and toys.



Toddlers



Following on from our 'under the sea' provocation we made an 'under the sea' game where the children could feed the 'Old Lady' the sea creatures. As the children have been developing their self help skills we have been introducing knives and forks at meal times. We have been going on lots of walks with the rings up the lane. We have also recently had lots of children who have started toilet training so have been reading toileting books and playing toileting games.



Transition

Transition's 'Mini Professor' sessions have come to an end and the children have shown lots of interest in the different topics each week. They have experienced many different themes such as the life cycle of caterpillars, fossils and exploring fluorescence and glow in the dark objects. 'Professor' Charlene inspired the children to continue the themes through other activities that link to them and the children were all excited to receive their certificate at the end of the term. Thank you to Professor Charlene for so many exciting Mini Professors sessions!



Kindergarten



This month kindergarten have been sharing stories of their Summer Holidays, which has inspired pirate, beach and ocean activities. We have also been thinking about their upcoming graduation thinking about how they have grown and developed. This is making them even more excited about moving up to big school. The children have also enjoyed having Lizzie join them this month as their new Kindergarten Manager.