

Dear Families,



The Great British summer has finally turned up with a mixture of rain and sun and it's been an another event full month at Chilworth. The whole Nursery has been involved in planting flowers, herbs, fruit and vegetables in our garden. The children have taken on the role of watering the plants and have been keeping watch to see them all begin to grow.

The children in Transition and Kindergarten had a visit from Black Belt SSKO's Sensei Paul Bowles. The children and Team learnt a lot about fitness, coordination and team work. We hope Sensei Paul will be visiting us again soon.

In August we have to say goodbye to our cook Aps as she starts a new job nearer her home. Hayley is having a baby in January and is leaving to be with her fiancé as he is in the Army. Amanda is having her baby at the beginning of September and Julie is starting her new role at Otterbourne Nursery. We will also be welcoming new Team members; Shelley is joining the Baby Team, Liberty will be with the Toddler Team, Josie is our new Cook and Tina will be joining the Transition Team.

Laura celebrated 10 years at Yellow Dot this month and the whole Nursery sang songs and watched her open her beautiful star with 10 years engraved on it.

It's has been amazing in my first year here to get to know all the children and see them grow and progress. We will be sad to see some of them leave us for School. We are continuing trials to the children's new rooms throughout August so please let us know if you are going on holiday so we can ensure your child has the trials they need. A Team member from their current room will attend the trials with your child to help them settle. Once Key People have been arranged your current Key Person will introduce you to your child's new Key Person ready for their move up. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes
Sam Paulton
Nursery Manager



Babies

In July Babies have been playing in the garden. They have been enjoying all sorts of messy play: water, sand, ice and paint. Babies have been observing their tomatoes growing outside and even had them for snack one morning. In August the Babies will continue exploring colours and textures, playing with all sorts of containers (cardboard boxes seem to be favourite!). They will also be doing arts & crafts and experimenting with sand pictures.



Toddlers

The Toddler children have been developing awareness of their senses. We have set up a new sensory corner with things to touch, smell and hear. The children have used their sense of smell to explore herbs and their sense of touch in experiences such as playdough, shaving foam play and gloop. In August we will continue focusing on senses, cooking and tasting food with different flavours. We will also continue to incorporate colours, shapes and numbers into the children's experiences



Transition

We have taken really good care of our tomato plant that lives in the garden. We have made sure it has had plenty of sunshine and lots of water to drink. Last week we picked the tomatoes and the children tried really hard to draw pictures of them. The children have also been interested in other living things; it was very exciting when we found a slimey slug in the garden and in August we will have the very exciting job of looking after 2 African Land Snails; Chompy and Kevin. We will also be focusing on the move up to Kindergarten in September. The children will be having trial visits and getting used to their new room and routines.



Kindergarten

We have been supporting the children that are moving up to School by reading school readiness books, and promoting and supporting their independence. We also had a great time on our trip to Itchen Valley Country Park. We have recently harvested our new potatoes; our cook Aps cooked them and we had them with our chicken curry. We have been helping the children get ready for their Graduation and making their leavers gifts. In August we will be saying goodbye to those children that are moving to the next chapter in their school life and welcoming new children from Transition as they start to do trials. We will also be harvesting and cooking more of the vegetables in our garden.

