



Dear Families,

Welcome to our to our July newsletter what a busy month we have had.

We held a grandparents day and welcomed lots of lovely grandparents in to spend time with their grandchildren. They were able to experience a little bit of what we get up to here at Fair Oak. All the children were so pleased to see them and enjoyed showing them around our nursery.

We also had a visit from Kwame who showed the children some beautiful Africa instruments, which they were all able to explore. We came together as a nursery and had a group sing song which all the children loved singing along to and making lots of noise.

In team news we would like to welcome Molly our new Nursery Nurse to the Toddler room. Also Sara our new Lunch Cover Assistant who is working in all rooms.

As you are aware the schools are breaking up for their summer break and as I have children of my own this is when I will be spending time with my children and family at home. But I leave the nursery in Alice's capable hands.

Some of you may be aware of our recent Ofsted visit on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 which I will send the report to you all once it has officially be published however we are very pleased with the result.

Best Wishes

*Clare Ashton*

Nursery Manager



## Dates for your Diary

### Nursery Sports Day

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – please come dressed in your sports wear.

### Graduation and Cream Tea

- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – Kindergarten 10.00am -11.00am, whole nursery 11.00am-12.30pm

### Nursery closed – Bank Holiday

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### Nursery Move Up into new rooms

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

## Babies

This month the babies have been taking part in our holiday provocation, a lot of our babies have either been on holiday or are going on one soon. We had holiday themed dressing up, which the babies could try on a range of outfits from swimming costumes to Spanish dresses. In the garden we had beach scenes set up and water play to explore. We also had flash cards of holiday destinations or holiday items they could look at.



## Toddlers

In toddlers this month we have been exploring maths through our play. We have used painting, printing, drawing and playdough to learn about shapes, colours and number. We have been singing lots of number rhymes such as 5 little ducks and exploring shapes when in our outdoor environment.



## Transition

Transition have been exploring dinosaurs. We created our own fossils with the clay, in which we printed parts of a dinosaur. This sparked lots of conversations about museums and bones etc. This then led on to us digging in the mud kitchen, to see if we can find any fossils. We found lots of stones within our search and then hid some dinosaurs in the mud for our friends to find. Trials have been under way for our children moving to kindergarten in the summer. They have been settling in well and love exploring the different toys



## Kindergarten

This month we have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We have been taking care of our caterpillars which arrived at nursery and have been using the magnifying glasses to check how much they have grown. We have been reading the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and retelling the story using squelching cards in small groups in the foyer. Once our caterpillar has transformed into butterflies we will set them free!

