

## Dear Families,

I would like to thank all the parents, children and Team for the very warm welcome I have received since I started in June.

I would like to tell you a little bit about myself, I have been working in Early Education since 2003, starting as a parent helper in my son and daughter's pre-school. I enjoyed the time I spent in pre-school and decided to pursue a career in childcare. Since that time I have managed pre-schools, a day nursery, children's centres and worked in an advisory role for supporting other early years settings. Prior to working in Early Years I was a researcher at a University in Wales.

At the beginning of June we took part in the Ginormous Teddy Bears Picnic. We held picnics throughout the week in aid of the Murray Parish Trust who are raising funds for the children's trauma unit in Southampton. We raised a fantastic £250.12. Thank you to all those who contributed. I look forward to continuing to get to know you all over the coming months and thank you once again for the warm welcome you have all given me.

Best wishes

*Jo Parker*

Nursery Manager

## Babies

June saw the Babies being very creative using tissue paper and paint which led to beautiful Father's Day cards. We hope all our Dad's had a lovely and special day. The Babies also decorated their own biscuits and shared them with the teddies at our picnic. The very hot weather in June saw the Babies cooling off in the paddling pool splashing everything and everyone who was close enough and singing 3 Little Ducks with some very loud quacking.



## Teddy Bears picnic..



## Diary Dates

- **Open Evening**  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August,  
6.30-8.00pm
- **Kindergarten Graduation**  
Followed by **Cream Tea for all of the Nursery**  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August
- **Bank Holiday (Nursery closed)**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August

## Toddlers

This month we have been focussing on using our imagination. The children made a pirate ship with Ian and were pretending they were sailing across the choppy seas. They then helped to make an obstacle course using the soft play equipment and travelled around the room out of the choppy seas!

The children enjoyed the Big Teddy Bears picnic so much that we followed this up by going on a bear hunt, making bear pictures and even baking bear biscuits.



## Transition



This month in transition we have been looking at the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, our provocation from the fundraising Big Teddy Bears Picnic. We read the story and this led to us making some delicious porridge. We talking about different textures with regard to how each bear liked their porridge. This helps the children think similarities and differences. The children each made their own porridge and then put it in the microwave, they were very careful and explained that the porridge would get hot!

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed their leavers trip to Itchen Valley Country Park, they had opportunities to make fires, toast marshmallows, build waterproof dens and look for mini beasts. For some children it was their first experience on a coach. When asked what was their favourite part of the trip most replied, "The coach ride"! Most of our Kindergarten children will be moving up to school in September. To make the transition as smooth as possible we have been inviting Teachers into the Nursery and have been taking children to visit their Schools.

