

Dear Families,



At this time of year, we can all see and feel the change in the season, our favourite summer mini beasts of snails and slugs seem to hide from us and we are able to see the spider webs with dew glinting in the morning light, which has been fascinating the children. We have had some darker mornings and a few days ago I heard the logic of a Kindergarten child talking to her Mummy in the morning as she was trying to leave to go to work, "but it's dark outside, you need to take me home you take me home when it's dark." At the end of the month the clocks will fall back an hour, it will be darker in the evenings and we will move toward the cosiness of warm lighting and a winter menu that includes vegetable soup at tea time.

The children have become more settled in their routines and new rooms and they and the Team have been making use of the local community with trips out and about. Our Babies have been to the Library, the Toddlers are very interested in transport and have been to watch the trains and our Transition and Kindergarten children have visited the new Pets at Home store and been very interested in the animals and fish.

A Photographer will be visiting us in October. We also have Parent Consultation slots advertised on your child's room door. It is a chance to have a 10 minute talk to your Key Person and see how your child is progressing.

For those children who will be going to School in September 2018 the application process opens on 1st November 2017, for more information follow <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

In Team news, we say hello to Beccy who has started in Kindergarten; and goodbye to Emily our Toddler Room Manager who is relocating to Salisbury. Congratulations to Claire who has been promoted and is the new Room Manager.

Best wishes

Jo Parker
Nursery Manager

Some of our experiences



Diary Dates

- **Parent Consultations**
2nd October
- **Photographer**
24th October in the morning
- **clocks go back**
30th October
- **Children In Need**
17th November
- **Kindergarten Nativity**
Date to be confirmed
- **Christmas Closure**
Friday 22nd December
- **Nursery Re-opens**
2nd January



Babies

This month the Babies have been getting out and about. They have been on the bus to the local Library to take part in Rhyme Time, then popped into Costa for a babyccino. They have also been developing their muscles by walking to the local park instead of going in a buggy.



Toddlers

Toddlers have been looking at different books and pointing to the letters. This has led them to use the window crayons to practise making their own marks. They have also been exploring the sensory world with body painting and a big tray of mixing which some of the Toddlers decided should be made into "dinner" in the role play kitchen. Like the Babies, Toddlers have been out and about and walked to the Train Station to watch the trains. We are planning to actually go on the trains this month!



Transition

Transition have been reading the book 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. This led to the children wanting to make things for someone who could come to their house for tea. They decided to make biscuits. It was great fun getting the things they needed from the cupboard, weighing out the ingredients themselves, rolling out the dough and watching them cook in the oven. Delicious.



Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we have had great fun making play dough, the children used the picture instructions recipe card to help them. We took a trip to the new Pets at Home, the children were mesmerised by the fish and the rabbits. After picking the last of the runner beans in the big garden we investigated other vegetables and what they looked like when we cut them up. We have also been looking at how we can look after ourselves from washing our hands to brushing our teeth.

