

## Dear Families,



Welcome to the August edition of our Newsletter.

What a busy time of year it is with many of our families going on their holidays or preparing to move to the next stage in their educational journey. The children have been sharing their experiences of their travels with both the Team and other children which have given us many starting points for provocations and planning. As the weather has continued to stay warm, the older children are really getting to grips with understanding how to keep cool and the importance of keeping hydrated and the younger children have had lots of opportunities in the heat to practise drinking from open cups. What fantastic life skills they are all learning as a result of the warmer weather. We even enjoyed a visit from the ice cream van which helped us to stay really cool.

Our new security system has now been fitted and we are awaiting the IT software installation to complete the job. I shall advise then how to register your thumb print.

The Team have started spending time in their new rooms to get to know the routines, the children and families. Children will be having settling in sessions throughout August to ensure they have the best possible start in their new room in September.

The children in Kindergarten and Transition enjoyed a real treat in July with a visit from Zoolab. This linked really well to the butterflies we have been looking after as the majority of the creatures the children were able to touch and observe were minibeasts. Many of the children were very brave when presented with cockroaches, a tarantula, and even a snake.

We are looking forward to September and all our new beginnings, it will be an exciting time here at Yellow Dot. It will be great to see as many of you as possible at our Open Evening on the 10<sup>th</sup> when you will have an opportunity to visit your child's new room and chat to the Team.

Kind regards

*Charlotte Tubbs*  
Nursery Deputy Manager

## Treats for our children.



## Dates for your Diary

- **Open Evening:**  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August
- **Bank Holiday Closure**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August
- **Children move to their new rooms:**  
week of 4<sup>th</sup> September

## Babies

The Babies have welcomed a new addition to their room; 'Bubbles' the fish. The Team took the children to the pet shop to buy Bubbles and all the things needed to care for him. The Babies were fascinated by the different colours and sizes of all the fish so following on from this they have been exploring shapes, new colours and textures, as well as size and opposites.



## Toddlers

The Toddlers who attend on a Friday had the opportunity to go to Pickwell Farm in the Yellow Dot bus to pick their own strawberries. The children were looking for red strawberries which were ready to be picked and being encouraged to leave the green ones that were not quite ready. The children also compared sizes of the strawberries they had chosen and developed their vocabulary learning new words. The children talked about the shape of strawberries and we developed this by exploring the movement of different shapes - Does it roll? Does it move fast? Does it move slowly?



## Transition

Transition had a chance to observe the lifecycle of a butterfly throughout July following on from the success of doing this with the Kindergarten children. This linked to one of their favourite stories, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" which was followed up with a trip to the market to buy fruit from a good old fashioned fruit and vegetable stall.

## Kindergarten

A huge focus in the Kindergarten room has of course been graduation. The children who are going to school in September have been busy learning a new song and discussions have been had about what the children would like to be when they grow up. Barnaby has his very own graduation gown made by our very own Penny and the children have seen photographs of Georgia's and Charlotte's graduation. The children who are staying in Kindergarten have been thinking about how they can help and support the new children coming from the Transition to settle into Kindergarten.

