

Dear Families,



Welcome to the July edition of our Newsletter. Well Summer really did arrive in June and we were blessed with some lovely hot days, some a little too hot, to welcome in the season. The children and Team have found many ways to keep cool with water play and early outdoor experiences, including a whole Nursery trip to the Moors in search of butterflies and shade, and calming end of day times to conserve some energy for hot sticky sleep times.

A Big Thank You to all our parents who donated to our Teddy Bear's Picnic in support of the Murray Parish Trust. We raised a fabulous £90 for the children's trauma unit in Southampton.

Thank you to Nicky Liddell who took photos of all the children, in the heat and heavily pregnant. The photo proofs I saw were lovely and I shall keep you advised when to expect them.

Following our chick experience, the Transition children have their very own caterpillars to observe more life cycle changes. We await the arrival of our butterflies with anticipation. Summer is a very busy time in Nursery with families and team taking holidays, Kindergarten children preparing themselves for summer holidays and then onto big School and everyone else preparing for moving rooms. It is a time for sad farewells to Team and children and warm welcomes as new Team and children join us. It is time to reflect on our practice and how we can best support children through these changes. With this in mind there will be some team changes around the Nursery in September as some of them move with their key children to support their move. A time of change for us all. I shall be sending out letters forthwith to advise you of the changes that are happening. Please speak to me if you have any concerns or queries about the changes.

Finally, here's to warm Summer days and lots of outdoor fun. Don't forget your holiday rebate form if you are off on your travels.

Kind regards
Kath Jones
Nursery Manager

In search of shade



Dates for your Diary

- **Kindergarten Consultations**
Leaver's: July 12th
Non leavers: July 24th from 6pm
- **Zoolab visit:**
Transition & Kindergarten
12th July
- **Ice cream van visits:**
July 12th & August 2nd
- **Graduation:**
August 1st at 4pm
- **Babies, Toddlers & Transition Consultations**
for non-move up children:
August 1st & 3rd from 6pm
- **Open Evening:** 10th August
- **Bank Holiday Closure**
Monday 28th August

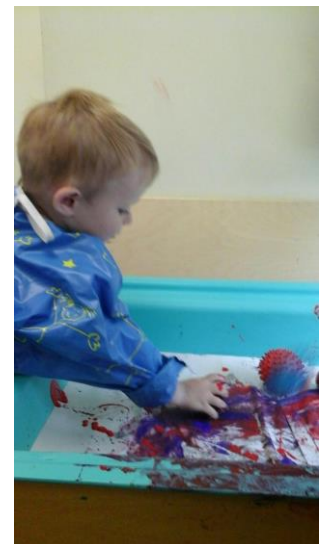
Babies

The Babies have been developing their sense of differences through our Froebelian approach, making links between spheres of all kinds, hard, soft, natural, heavy and light. The addition of oranges and melons and natural spheres really helps to make those connections which support brain development. Moving forward the Babies will continue to explore these kinds of concepts to help make even more links and connections.



Toddlers

The children in Toddlers have been exploring textures this month to help develop language skills and the use of descriptive language. The Team have provided textured playdough, and creative and mathematical pouring experiences to support this. Much fun was had rolling different balls in paint to make marks on paper. Looking forward the Team are thinking about holidays and fun in the sun as many of the children are about to enjoy family holidays.



Transition

Many of our Transition children have Birthdays over the Summer months, so Birthdays became our starting point for planning. Balloons and playdough cakes and candles supported mathematical development and imaginative play too and the spotty balloons led them on to thinking about spots and stripes. No doubt you will have been given some of the creative results to take home.

Kindergarten

We hope all our dads and granddads liked their Father's Day cards, inspired by the mosaic patterns the children have been making in the classroom. From this the children began showing an interest in symmetry and patterns. The Team have taken this interest in symmetry to the outdoors, looking for patterns in nature. The butterfly cocoons in the room support this interest and very soon we should have our very own butterflies to release. An added bonus of being out in nature was dipping our feet in the cool water on a very hot day.

