

Dear Families,



I am very sad to be writing my last newsletter as the Manager of Yellow Dot Romsey with my final day being Friday the 3rd of May. But I am excited to start my next adventure starting in New Zealand!

We have lots of Team news to share this month. We will be welcoming Tash to our Kindergarten Room and Stephanie to our Baby Room where both will be taking on the role of Room Manager. We will also be welcoming Alex to our Team as the new Nursery Manager from early July. Until he can join us Gemma from Transition will be stepping out of her room and into the office to run the Nursery. Lauren from our Toddler Room is taking a big step in a different direction and will be moving to Wales in June to be with her fiancé, her last day with us will be the 13th June.

There has been a buzz of 'eggitement' across the Nursery as we prepare for the arrival of our living duck eggs. The children will be able to visit the eggs whilst at Nursery and watch as they hatch out into ducklings. The children will then have a range of opportunities whilst the ducklings are with us to hold them, bathe them and care for them. Supporting the children's understanding of life cycles.

As we move into Summer, please remember to provide sun cream and sun hats each time your child attends Nursery to allow us to enjoy the great outdoors.

If you are looking to increase your sessions in September, please let me know so that I can check what is available to offer you.

Kind regards

Hayley James

Nursery Manager



We had a lovely visit from Bertie the dog..

Dates for your Diary

- **Nursery closed for Bank Holidays**
Monday 6th and 27th May
- **Nursery photos including school leavers**
Tuesday 18th June
- **Kindergarten Graduation**
Thursday 1st August at 3pm
- **Whole Nursery Cream Tea**
Thursday 1st August from 4-5.30pm

Babies

This month in the Baby room the children have been showing lots of interest in their role play kitchen. We have had lots of lovely cups of tea made for us, with Team encouraging the Babies to use new words as well as practicing hand-eye coordination. Following on from this, the Team have made a heuristic tray for the children to explore with lots of objects from around the house. They have also been making the most of the sunny weather in their garden with ball runs and making music.



Toddlers

The Toddlers have been very busy this month exploring different animals from farm animals to jungle animals. We have seen the children bake biscuits in animal shapes as well as getting stuck in with creative provocations to make or decorate their own animal pictures. Alongside this the children have really shown an interest in small world play both inside and outside. With the help of the adults in their room the children have been exploring dinosaur swamps in the garden, making new homes for different dinosaurs.



Transition

In Transition this month we have seen lots of interest from the children in mark making and exploring different medias of this. They have spent time using cotton buds to make smaller patterns and large paint sticks at the easel as a contrast. They have even taken their mark making outside with chinks on the ground as well as using brushes and water on the wood and brick. The book "A squash and a squeeze" has become a firm favourite amongst the children in the room, with the children making particular links to the animals found in the story.



Kindergarten

As we approach the Summer term the children in Kindergarten will start to look at School readiness, working on their self help skills such as dressing and undressing ready for P.E and their fine motor skills. The children have been busy this month spending time making their own 3D models using old recycling materials as well as combining clay with other resources. They are beginning to look at life cycles using "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" story in preparation for the ducklings arriving.

