

Dear Families,



Welcome to our August Newsletter.

A big thank you to those who braved the weather and came to our Cream Tea. Despite the somewhat damp conditions it was lovely to see so many of you enjoying some time in the Nursery with your children and joining in with some of the things they do on a daily basis.

August is a month of mixed emotions as we say a sad, but very fond farewell to those children leaving us to start their School career. We are looking forward to our Graduation ceremony at St Mary's Church. We are very proud of our children and wish to celebrate with them and their families. I know they are excited and eager to embrace the change but we will miss them all. On behalf of the whole Team, may I wish them every success and happiness. We would love to hear how they are getting on at School, so please do keep in touch with us here at Nursery. We are always keen to know about your thoughts and experiences of Yellow Dot. For those families whose children are leaving us we would be grateful if you could spare a few moments to complete and return our short survey. We always value and take note of your comments.

On September 4th all the children staying at Nursery will move up to their new rooms. All parents should now have received information about their child's new room, Key person and settling sessions. If you have not, please let me know as soon as possible.

And finally; the chicks which hatched here a few weeks ago have grown sufficiently to move into their new home – the big coup with the other hens. Thank you to the Oliver family for giving them a wonderful home down in the New Forest.

Best wishes

Catherine Clifton

Nursery Manager



Nature Nursery

Throughout August some of the children from Kindergarten will be enjoying Nature Nursery sessions at Ampfield on Mondays and Thursdays. This is an experience that we hope will be part of our annual calendar in future and we will keep parents informed. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to spend time in nature in the beautiful woodlands at Ampfield and to take part in some of the exciting experiences on offer there such as fire building and den making.



Dates for your diary

- August 10th: **Graduation** at St Mary's Church 3pm
- August 28th: Bank Holiday **Nursery closed.**
- 4th September: **Move-Ups**
- September: Harvest Festival

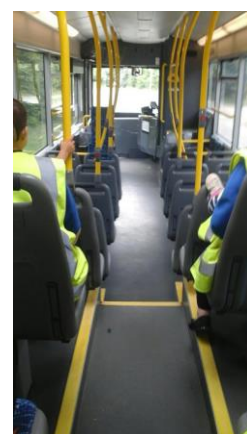
Babies

Throughout August the Babies will be continuing their love of messy play, we will use it to expand language skills by encouraging the use of many first words. The Babies will be able to explore a wide range of boxes, containers, scoops, sieves and buckets to explore texture – wet and dry, hard and soft, big and little. The Team will also continue to support growing independence in the Babies ability to feed themselves.



Toddlers

Throughout July Toddler Blue children have been exploring colour and texture. One of their favourite experiences has been filling and emptying containers of various shapes and sizes which has provided hours of exploration and fun. We have also had Teddy Bears Picnics incorporating playdough and baking cakes. In August we will be playing with ice, baking, and continuing to explore textures. We will also be observing caterpillars and releasing them as butterflies into the garden. Meanwhile the children in Toddlers have been focusing on understanding the world around them and their emotions. The Team have introduced experiences with magnets, locks, mechanisms and ICT equipment with torches, cameras and calculators. The children have also enjoyed many walks out and about in Andover noticing features and changes in the environment. We even took them on bus rides and then recreated this in our role play area, talking about where we went and buying tickets.



Transition

The children in Transition have been exploring the local environment and have become fascinated by the shapes found going out on walks. We have found many shapes including triangles, squares, circles and also crosses, stars and hexagons. They have continued this exploration of shapes through use of a lightbox which has given them a whole new way of looking at things. The children have also been sharing photos of their holidays which helps to promote language skills. The children are really proud to share and talk about their experiences with their families.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten children have been focussing on their independence skills in preparation for school with PE classes which have been great fun. They have also been painting onto fabrics, preparing lots of biscuits for the cream tea and looking at shapes through paper folding. Throughout August the children who are going off to school will be helping the Team to welcome our new children from Transition and those who are joining us for the first time.

