

Dear Families,



Wow, what a busy June we have had at Chilworth. Our first exciting event was the arrival of the chick eggs. All the children had lots of opportunities to visit the eggs, the Team talked about the life cycle of chicks and the children were able to see them hatch and also see and touch other eggs such as ducks, quails and Cornish Blue chicken's eggs. All 12 chicks hatched within 24 hours; 7 boys and 5 girls. The children loved taking turns and having cuddles, it was great to see some of the families coming in with their older children who also wanted cuddles, and I brought my own children in to see them as it seemed to be a hot topic for us at home too!

We had a Teddy Bears picnic on Friday 9th June, the children all brought in teddies from home to take part in our charity picnic. We raised £50 for The Murray Parish Trust. Thank you to all the families who helped us.

We would like to congratulate Jodie and her family on the birth of her baby boy, Theo on Saturday 3rd June. In July, we will be saying goodbye to Chathuri, our lovely Lunchtime Team member, Zsuzsa is also leaving to attend University in Finland as is Kate M who is moving closer to her family in Dorset. And Terri Leigh who will be leaving to have a baby! Kerry will be moving to the Baby Team as their Senior Nursery Nurse and Leah is joining the Baby Team as their Modern Apprentice. Alice is joining us over the summer period from University to help cover the Team holidays.

Throughout the summer months we are planning to have sports coaches into the Nursery to help the children with their fitness and to have fun getting healthy – watch this space.

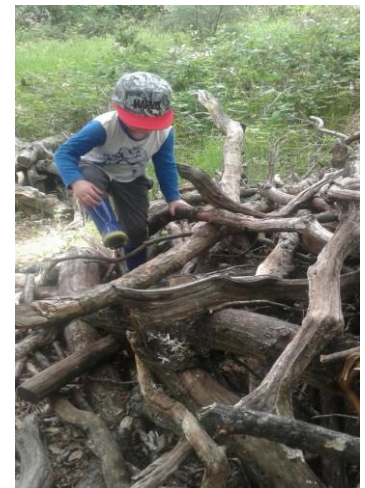
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Nature Nursery

Some of the Kindergarten children have been able to take part in our Nature Nursery programme again this term.

They are learning how to climb trees safely, risk assess for themselves, hunt for mini beasts and cook outside!



Diary Dates

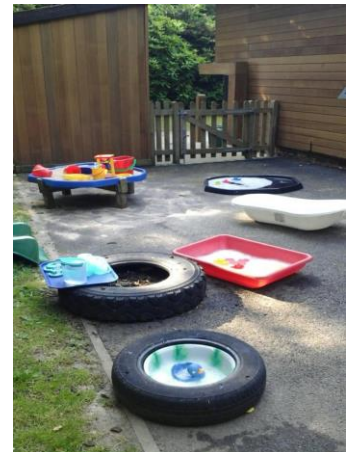
Cream Tea & Graduation Friday 4th August

Bank Holiday Monday 28th August, Nursery Closed

Autumn Photo's Tuesday 24th October

Babies

In June, the Babies were engaged in car painting and making collages for Father's Day cards. The Team also planned lots of fun water and sand activities so the Babies could explore textures as well as various colours while enjoying the beautiful weather in the garden. Throughout July the Babies will continue their trips around Chilworth Park and discovering nature.



Toddlers



The Toddlers have had a busy June. They have been observing growing by watching the chicks hatch and grow and planting tomatoes and potatoes in the garden. To support this the Toddlers enjoyed a fantastic trip to Pickwell Farm to see fruit and vegetables growing on a large scale. They had great fun picking their own strawberries and sugar snap peas. In July we will continue to help the children learn to look after their own crops.

Transition

In June, the children enjoyed role playing going on summer holidays, talking about what they might need to pack and discussing what different things they could do when they are there. In the garden, they have been enjoying water play including in our mud kitchen; filling, emptying and exploring capacity and planting sunflowers. In July, we are planning lots more water fun and lots of walks to explore the many beautiful surroundings!



Kindergarten

During June, the children in Kindergarten had lots of fun outdoors, especially when it's raining! They planted lots of seeds and have been helping to look after them. They have enjoyed the new wooden blocks and planks, especially building pirate ships, learning to balance, jump and walking the plank! They had great fun making pizzas for the Teddy Bear picnic, enjoying them as part of a tea party with the rest of the Nursery. In July, Kindergarten are looking forward to Graduation Day and sharing this special event with their families.

