

## Dear Families,

The sun has been shining in Eastleigh which has led to lots of walks in the community. Babies have been walking in the park and stopping to look at the lovely flowers.

The children enjoyed bringing their teddy bears into Nursery for the Teddy Bears Picnic to support the Murray Parish Trust which is raising money to support Southampton General Hospital Children's Unit. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated.

Kindergarten set up a lovely Father's Day provocation which in turn promoted lots of discussion surrounding daddies and special male figures in the children's lives. We hope you liked all the Father's Day Cards which the children enjoyed creating showing off their developing physical skills.

As Summer has well and truly arrived we will be having some visits from an ice cream van. I'm sure this will prove very popular with both the children and the Team and will provoke lots of language and conversation around summer, favourite things to eat and fun experiences.

In June we also celebrated that Laura has been with Yellow Dot for 10 years working her way up from an Apprentice to Baby Room Manager.



Kind Regards

*Jo Samonig*

Nursery Manager



## Home Learning

Children love to get involved in the kitchen especially when they get to eat the results!!

Home-made lollies

Whizz up 250g ripe strawberries, 100ml natural yoghurt (or apple or orange juice) and 1 teaspoon honey in a blender or food processor. Taste, and add a little more honey if you think you need to. Divide the strawberry mixture between 4 ice lolly moulds, then pop a stick into each one. Leave to set in the freezer then enjoy!

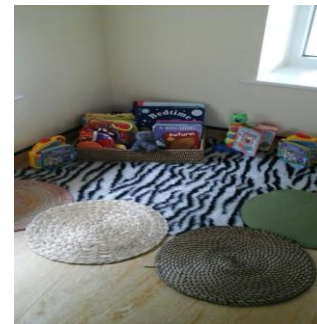
## Diary Dates

- **Ice cream van visits:**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August
- **Kindergarten Graduation & Cream Tea**  
All Saints Church in Eastleigh on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm
- **Bank Holiday closure**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August

## Babies

Due to the beautiful change in the weather the Babies have been enjoying the water play. We have used different colours to enhance the experience. Following on from this the Babies have had fun making sensory bottles to support their creative play and in turn their fine and gross motor skills.

A new book area has been developed to enable the Babies to choose books more easily as part of their continuous provision. Over the coming month we will be encouraging the children to access the book area to choose their favourite books.



## Toddlers

The Toddlers had a wonderful time out and about in Eastleigh town. A large part of the outing was a visit to the new M&S building site watching the diggers and different machinery in action. We also took the opportunity to look at flowers and their beautiful colours and shapes. Both growing naturally and in the market.

In July the children are looking forward to taking a trip to Fleming Park paddling pool as they have shown a huge interest in the water play outside. The children are growing in independence so we are role modelling using the dolls and potties.



## Transition

The beautiful sun shine outside led to discussions about the beach and what we would find there. This led onto the creation of a beach in the pod in Transition. Topical music was playing and everyone got into the holiday spirit. The wind blew over the tray and I looked just like ripples on the sea. We will be taken back to the sea side with a visit from an ice cream van during July and August.

## Kindergarten

The Kindergarten have been busy making Father's Day cards inspired by looking at a table provocation covered in things Daddy might wear or use such as a shirt and tie or a mobile phone. Books were used to enable discussion about 'What Daddy does?' as well as stimulating recall and early childhood memories stimulating lots of discussion.

Over the coming month the children will be looking at lots of different art work inspired by shapes and sizes.

