

## Dear Families,

What a lovely summer we are all having here at Yellow Dot, sharing our experiences and lovely photos of the wonderful things we have been doing with our special people and families.

We have been very lucky to have our local ice cream van visit us which helped create those happy ice cream faces among our children and Team that stay in our memories and are fondly remembered.

Our focus during August will be introducing the children into their new rooms where they will get to know their new Key person and the rest of the Team who will be continuing to inspire their individual potential. During these trial visits we will be supporting each child's needs and gently introducing them to their new environments and routines. As we do this we will also be getting ready to say goodbye to our oldest children who will be leaving us to move on to school.

We hope you found the parent open evening useful, but if you have further questions please don't hesitate to come and ask.

*Lynne Carrigan*  
Nursery Manager



## Tapestry and why we love it

First and foremost it promotes a strong partnership with parents.

It helps Yellow Dot and parents to record, track and celebrate children's progress, capturing children's experiences as well as monitor development and learning.

At Yellow Dot it gives our families those moments of reassurance that their child is happy and content whilst being here, capturing their child's personality and achievements.

Remember, if your child is leaving us you can download their Tapestry records so that you have them to keep.

## Dates

**National Friendship Day:**  
6<sup>th</sup> August

**Kindergarten Cream Tea & Kindergarten**

**Graduation:**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August

**Closed for Bank Holiday:**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August

**5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party:**  
September

## Babies

The Babies have been doing lots of water play during July which has encouraged them to fill and pour with lots of different sized containers. The children have been very active both indoors and outdoors with lots of opportunities for using tents, tunnels and bikes. As we continue to support the transition for those Babies who will become Toddlers soon, we help them to practice drinking without a lid on their cup as well as sleeping on little mats.



## Toddlers

We have been enjoying the sunshine (when it has appeared) by exploring lots of different water play experiences and cooling off on those very hot days. We have also enjoyed the odd yummy ice cream! During August the children who are moving will be learning all about the Transition room, getting to know their new surroundings and what fun there will be to have. We hope those sunny days stay with us so we can make our own fruit juice ice lollies and fruit kebabs for our summer snacks.



## Transition

It is Summertime and lots of children have been on exciting holidays. Transition children have been exploring travel and going on different holidays and talking about the different forms of transport they used during their journeys. This has enhanced role play, mark making and exploring numbers when making tickets, passports and role playing adventures. The children had a great experience going on a bus ride and train journey to Eastleigh where we looked for shapes and numbers in the shops and had a picnic lunch in the park.



## Kindergarten

The children are busy preparing for school and what a success they all are. Gill and her wonderful team have worked really hard all year to develop and encourage confidence and support our families ready for the next chapter of their lives. The children had a fabulous and exciting time visiting some of our local schools delivering nursery reports and sharing the excitement together. We look forward to the graduation on the 16<sup>th</sup> August when we celebrate the achievements the children have had during their time at Yellow Dot.

