

Dear Families,



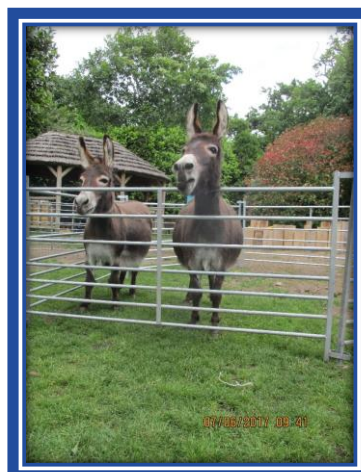
The sun appeared in June in all its glory and all our children were singing "Hip, hip, hooray" whilst we kept them cool and refreshed as they enjoyed the sun in a safe way. Water play has been a favourite; exploring water and ice has great learning potential and how wonderful it was in helping us to keep us cool.

The beautiful sunshine bought many adventures to our children as they continued to enjoy our garden and the support it gives them to extend their experiences as they play.

Our new sand pit has been a fabulous addition to our garden. It is a place to build sand castles, mould shapes and spend time with friends pretending we are setting sail on a voyage hunting for treasure.

We also enjoyed a visit from a Farm to our garden. This experience gave the children and Team opportunities to learn about the farm animals and how we care for them. The children loved brushing the donkey's coat, stroking the rabbits and laughing at the lamb who escaped. It brought excitement to the Nursery and many smiles were shared.

Lynne Carrigan
Nursery Manager



Open Evening

Our annual Open Evening will take place on 31st July. This is an opportunity to come and visit our Nursery beyond drop off and pick up; to be shown around the Room which your child will be moving into, and to meet the new Team and Key People who will continue to be inspiring potential in your child.

It's an occasion to ask questions and talk about your child's interests and how we continue to meet their individual needs.

It will also be a chance to meet with other parents and share samples of our yummy Nursery cooked nibbles. Please ask if Lynne if you have any further questions.

Dates for your Diary

Food Safety Week:

3rd-7th July

Nursery Open Evening:

31st July 6.30pm -8.00pm

Cream Tea & Kindergarten Graduation:

Wednesday 16th August

Closed for Bank Holiday:

Monday 28th August

Babies



Babies spent time in June observing and watching the changes in their caterpillars, talking about what was different and the colours they could see. They have also been practicing singing traditional Nursery Rhymes. To support their developing interest in rhymes, the Babies had an exciting trip on a bus to visit the Library, a first for some. Together we shared stories and we look forward to developing our own book corner with stories, poems and rhymes which make us smile.

Toddlers

Our talented Toddlers are becoming very skilful at threading with nuts and bolts, which adds an interesting dimension to the concept of threading. The children really enjoyed the warm weather and certainly loved the cooling water play. This beautiful weather has made us think about holidays and what our holiday will bring. With this in mind we have been exploring shells and sharing photos of our families on holiday.



Transition

There was great excitement in the Transition Room the eggs arrived and we watched them closely as they hatched into fluffy chicks. This, together with the arrival of stick insects to care for, prompted us to set out on walks in our local woods to explore and investigate animal habitats and plants. We have also enjoyed playing in our new sandpit in the Nursery garden, building sandcastles and digging for treasure. This led us on to investigating the experiences of being at the seaside as we explore summer holidays. We have been discussing where we might visit with our families, we looked at countries on a map and talked about what they might be like.

Kindergarten

During June the children had a wonderful surprise from a Hampshire Fire crew who talked to us about their job and what they do. This brought much excitement and plenty of discussion. We are also talking about going to School and have given many opportunities for the children to explore and express their feelings about this exciting chapter of their lives. The children have been role playing School and dressing up in school uniforms. We hope all of these different experiences will help to make the children feel confident and secure as they begin their journeys in School.

