

Dear Families,

Welcome to all our new families and those who will be joining us in September. We are really pleased to have lots of new families coming to join us and are delighted to be opening our Kindergarten Room in September. We look forward to introducing you to the Nursery and settling children into their new rooms. We will be holding an Open Day on September 26th for you to have an opportunity to come along for a chat, a cup of tea and to meet the other families at the Nursery. We hope lots of you will be able to join us. You will be able to book appointments with your Key People in the rooms in September.

We are planning lots of exciting events during the summer. August 3rd is our Cream Tea where everyone is welcome to come along for a bounce on our bouncy castle and to join us for afternoon tea! We will be having some provocation days at Nursery each week based on what the children are interested in, more details opposite under Diary Dates, and we will send reminders nearer the time.

In Team news we are very sorry to say goodbye to Kasia and Harriet. Kasia is having a very exciting move to Switzerland and Harriet is moving to a School role. Claire will be joining the Toddler Room as Room Manager and Gemma is continuing in Transition as Room Manager too. A warm welcome to Sophie, Kat, Rita, Tracy, Leena and Louise joining the Romsey Team. Charlotte, our Lead Practitioner has also re-joined the Team following her Maternity leave.

If you are planning a holiday over the summer please let me know so that we can update the registers. We love to see holiday pictures on Tapestry if you get the chance, please do post them.

Kind regards

Hayley James
Nursery Manager



Diary Dates

3rd August: **Cream Tea** from 4pm

7th August: **Cooking Day**

18th August: **Pirate and Princess Day**

23rd August: **Wet and Wild Wednesday**

29th August: **Circus Day**



The children loved buying their own ice creams when the ice cream van came to visit.

Babies

Babies have had a very busy month with new friends joining us and exploring their interests including the farm, construction and things that roll. The Team set up interest trays with animals and wood shavings and have been sharing animal songs and stories. The Babies explored animal sounds too with instruments and sound boxes. Every day items have helped with exploration of rolling including food items, cylindrical tins and balls of different materials, size and weight. This has led on to construction being a firm favourite using wooden blocks – large and small, and also boxes and packages to make high structures to build up which the Babies have delighted in knocking down!



Toddlers

Toddlers have been out and about in our local community making the most of the sunny days and finding out about different transport and houses. We have been playing with the doll's house and this has extended into making a roadway and a whole town! We have continued with our focus on cooking too with fruit tasting, fruit smoothies and making our own play dough. We hope you enjoyed playing with the playdough at home and found the recipe useful. Water play has been very popular with the warm days and the Toddlers all helped with washing the dolls clothes and hanging them up in the sunshine. The water play continues with using large brushes with water to paint on the walls and floor in the garden.



Transition

Transition have been developing their green fingers in the garden nurturing our plants. We have had tremendous success with our planting and are eagerly awaiting our green strawberries turning to red! Dinosaurs have been a focus for the children's interests during July and dinosaur eggs, footprints and interest trays have all been keeping us busy and helping us to be imaginative. With the summer holidays approaching we have also been thinking about the beach and enjoying lots of water play including mixing water with sensory items including sand, shells and delicious scents.

