



Dear Families,

### Updates:

We would like to welcome Jodie, our new nursery assistant in Transition. Sadly we had to say goodbye to Megan, but we wish her well. We will also be saying goodbye to Karla as she is due to get married in August and go on a worldwide adventure with her pilot husband. We will all miss Karla, but we wish her well. We are getting ready for the September move ups – please see the board for team information. There will be an Open Evening in August to meet your new Key Person.

### Discovery Day:

Thank you to those parents who joined us for Discovery Day. The team, children and parents all seemed to have lots of fun. There will be more Discovery Days, but we will keep you informed.

### Looking ahead:

The weather has been amazing, and we hope it continues. Can we please remind all parents to bring your children in with their sun cream already on – one child for you is easier than up to 28 in Kindergarten. We also ask for your support in providing a named hat for this hot weather and suitable footwear – supportive, closed-toed shoes, to try and prevent slips, trips and falls whilst outside engaged in risky play like climbing, riding bikes and running.

**Teddy Bear's Picnic** – please send in your children in pyjamas with their teddy bears for room picnics. We would like to ask you to donate £1 to Bright Spaces

**Parents' Day** – we would like to invite parents to join us for tea on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Invites will go, please RSVP so we can cater for you.

Kind regards

*Amanda Marsden*  
Nursery Manager



## Fundraising

Thank you to those who participated, wore pink and bought the baked goods. We raised £52.26 – this along with other monies raised recently totaled £252.26 and will go to Bright Spaces.

10<sup>th</sup> July – we will celebrate Teddy Bear's picnic day to raise money for Bright Spaces

## Diary Dates:

10<sup>th</sup> is Teddy Bear's picnic day

11<sup>th</sup> is Cheer up the lonely day

14<sup>th</sup> is Shark awareness day

24<sup>th</sup> is Amelia Earhart Day

28<sup>th</sup> is Parents' Day

30<sup>th</sup> is International day of friendship

### Babies and Toddler Blue

This month babies have been focusing on different mark making activities. The older babies have enjoyed using different crayons, chalk and paint dabbers on the easel coloring in pictures and making their own marks. The younger babies have enjoyed mark making through different tummy time activities, they have been exploring colored water and paint, This month we will be focusing on introducing the babies to their new team preparing them for their move up in September and be extending our mark making to the outdoor environment where we will be able to make bigger marks in different ways.



This month In Toddler Blue our focus has been on 'transport'. Our toddlers have created a cardboard aeroplane and bus which they had great fun role playing in and decorating it. We have also been taking part in other transport activities such as transport sound puzzles which they had to match the sound to the car. We even went on and walk to the library where we went car spotting and attempted to find books about transport

### Toddlers

This month the toddlers have been looking at lots of different textures and colours from the garden and our environment and then using these colours and textures in our creative artwork. We have been exploring mud with painting in the room and creating lots of sloppy mud pies and mud soup out in the garden. Over the next two months we will be focusing on the toddlers transitioning to their new rooms in September, starting visits to the new rooms and getting the children to recognise the staff from the new rooms too.



### Transition

This month transition have been exploring lots of shapes, using the parquetry tiles to create lots of patterns. We have also been exploring patterns through our painting, looking at creating different shapes with the marks we can make. We have enjoyed looking at photos of our home experiences and telling our friends about our favourite things to do. Over the next few weeks we shall continue enjoying the lovely weather and use this as a chance to get to know the kindergarten team a bit more before the September move!

### Kindergarten

This month Kindergarten have been busy exploring the life cycles of butterflies. We have been watching our caterpillars grow from the day they arrived and have been excited to see them create their chrysalis. we counted the days until they hatched and drew plenty of pictures of what we thought they would look like when they became butterflies. The caterpillars inspired the children to explore a range of books and learn more about lifecycles. After a few weeks of waiting they finally hatched and became beautiful butterflies. We kept them in the room for a week, feeding them different fruits and dinners, before releasing them in the garden in front of the whole nursery.

