

## Dear Families,



What fun we had in the snow!

The children and Team that made it into the Nursery made the most of the roof top snow fall and created a lovely snowman. This fascination was followed across the Nursery as the children explored ice play and snowy provocations.

World Book Day was a great success with children and Team dressing up as their favourite character. Transition had a lovely Tea Party with Alice heading up the fun. Peter Rabbit has continued on in Kindergarten and followed on into Spring. The beautiful yellow colours of Daffodils and brighter, lighter days mean that Spring is finally on the way. It has also been a time to focus on Easter and all the traditions it brings.

Looking forward, we are raising money for our sister Nursery in Kenya from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of April. We will be doing lots of fun activities around the Nursery, please watch out for more news.

We are also very excited as our Ducklings will be arriving at the end of April. They will hatch and be looked after at the Nursery as part of the children beginning an understanding of life cycles.

I am very sorry to have to tell you that I am leaving Yellow Dot on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. I am going to be semi retiring. My time at Eastleigh has been a lovely experience and I will truly miss the families and Team. I would like to thank you all for your support and wish you well for the future.

Kind Regards

*Jo Hogan*

Nursery Manager



## Life Cycles

With Spring and Easter upon us now is a perfect time to teach our children about baby animals and life cycles.

Our Ducklings will arrive on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and stay with us until they hatch and grow.

The Ducklings will need daily 'Splash Time' which the children will be part of.

Please watch out for pictures on Tapestry.

*'The child who has cared for another living thing...is more easily led to care for his own life. The care of plants will also satisfy his desire to watch living creatures, for he will see birds and butterflies and beetles coming near by.'*

*(Froebel, in Lily 1967:128)*

## Dates for your Diary

- **Easter Monday**  
2<sup>nd</sup> April
- **Our 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
3<sup>rd</sup> April
- **Africa Week**  
9<sup>th</sup> April

## Babies

The Babies have continued exploring with their senses using sensory mats, gloves, bottles and tubes, including making their own sensory mat's to take home. They also explored paint when creating Mothers Day cards. We hope you all enjoyed them and had a lovely day. Following on from Mothers Day cards we looked for inspiration for Easter cards. Colorful baskets, shredded paper and eggs for the Babies to explore all led to Easter art work for you to enjoy at home.



## Toddlers

Toddlers have been exploring farm animals and so to extend this the Team have made a hay tray with natural resources, play animals and appropriate books. To extend this provocation further and link with Spring the Team will be planting with the children and talking about different plants. The children will continue to explore with paint after making their Mothers Day cards using different mediums to create different effects.



## Transition

During March the children in Transition were fortunate enough to watch a sensory play at the Point called Kaleidoscope. The children were able to explore lights and colours and could take part in interactive experiences with glowing orbs. Moving forward we are going to explore more of our senses using paint so we can feel the squishy, cold paint as we mix it together to create new colours. Our love of transport was extended by a trip to the airport which the children absolutely loved



## Kindergarten

World Book Day inspired an interest in Peter Rabbit which linked beautifully to the beginning of Spring. The children have been making rabbit masks, and we will be growing our own carrots. Another book that provoked a lot of conversation was 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' which we will be linking with healthy eating. The children will be painting their own Butterflies as well as looking at symmetrical shapes and designs. We hope you had a wonderful Mothers Day and enjoyed your handmade cards.

