

August is already here and many of the children and staff have been enjoying their time anyway on holiday. Many of you have probably noticed that the building work for the loft conversion in the main building has started. The loft conversion will be used as a second office/ meeting room enabling parents and other professionals to hold meetings with nursery staff in privacy. Before the building work started risk assessments were completed and nursery management have tried to ensure disruption to the nursery is minimal whilst ensuring everyone's safety is paramount. Miss Tranter will inform parents daily of developments as and when they happen in regards to the building works and safety aspects. Parents will find all updates on twitter or the nursery app, if necessary, notices will also be put in the noticeboard outside the main gate.

Can we please ask parents to inform nursery if their child is not going to be in, this can be done via email, sending a text to the nursery mobile or phoning the nursery directly? Thank you.

As of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September nursery will have an assistant manager, Rose, who will be joining the setting on a part time basis from 7.30 – 10.30am Monday – Friday. Rose previously worked at a school leading the pre-school room and has several years' experience working with children as well as holding a teaching degree. Rose will be on the premises to cover Miss Tranter until 9.30am should you have any concerns please speak with her.

Our Topic book at nursery for August is .....  
*'Under the same Sky ....'*

Find out what we are up to on a daily basis by



following us on **TWITTER**; search for swansyardley. Or go to our nursery website and read our room blogs or learn about future events on [www.littleswans.org.uk](http://www.littleswans.org.uk)

**Heroes News** This will be the last month at Little Swans for a lot of our children in the Heroes room, as they are all leaving nursery to start 'big school'. Atikha has planned activities to continue supporting the transition to school for the children. They will be exploring wearing school uniform and learning to dress themselves in the role play area as well as sharing stories about going to school and recalling on the children's past experiences. When they visited their new school in June/ July. Atikha will also be settling in children in the Heroes room who are moving up from Rolos and has planned some fun learning activities to help them settle such as pencil control and literacy activities, exploring games on the PC and lots of math activities including completing jigsaws and using sand/water play to develop concept of quantities...

## **Jelly Babies News**

This month in Jelly Babies the children will be doing lots of sensory play, exploring textures and different materials. The children will continue to learn their Makaton signs and continue to use the ones we have previously learnt which include, bed, please and thank you. The children will be getting creative making pictures of the sun using their handprints and adding lots of glitter to make them sparkle. Children moving to either Jelly Tots or Smarties will be doing some settling in sessions to support the transition in September. The children will be making new friends and building relationship with their new key persons.

## **Smarties & Sweeties News** This

month the Smarties children will be spending some time settling in the new areas.

For children staying in Smarties and settling in this month Kareema has planned activities to introduce number recognition through play and using Nursery rhymes to revisit previous learning. The children will also be exploring the role play area, this is a great way to play and socialise with new friends while having lots of fun. We will also be teaching the children different ways to grasp objects particularly focusing on the tripod grasp when using items to make marks such as paint brushes and glue spatulas, a great way to support this area of learning is through exploration of creative activities.

This month due to the loft conversion Sweeties children and staff have moved to the Rolos room in the preschool building. The change in area will allow the children to have some settling in time alongside familiar staff before their permanent move at the start of September. The children will be joining in with the Rolos activities as well as practicing their maths skills using new resources. Hannah has also planned lots of outdoor activities for the children including exploring the interactive boards, larger play equipment and the water wall where they can pour water in funnels down the pipes and collect it at the bottom.

**Rolos News** This month Rhianna has planned activities to incorporate the building work happening at the nursery. The children in Rolos have loved looking out of the windows to see what is happening. The children will be taken out in small groups to observe what the builders are doing and learn about different roles and safety when working on a building site. The children will also be practicing completing non - inset jigsaws independently. Rolos always have lots of creative play and this month is no different with lots of sensory activities planned to support awareness of textures and sensory feelings.

**Jelly Tots News** This month Jelly Tots will be learning about animals and what noises they hear. They will also be singing animal rhymes and making/ wearing animal masks. Laura and the staff team will be encouraging and supporting the children to feed themselves and begin to drink from open top cups. The children will do some food tasting activities to develop sensory awareness as well as preferences what the children like / don't like.

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Dates for your diary: From Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018

Story Sessions at the library: Story sessions will start again in September after the six week holidays

Nanny Shirley: Every Thursday unless family commitments  
Forest School: Forest school sessions will start again in September after the six week holidays

## Upcoming Events and Dates

### August 2018 Dates for your Diary

#### • Notice for all parents

#### \*Drop in SENCO Session

Dianne is the nursery's setting-based SENCO and will be offering parents and staff a drop-in session each month. However there will be no drop in session this month due to Dianne working on a term time only basis. The next scheduled drop in session will be arranged for September.

#### Notice for Parents

- Have you any toys/clothes/high chairs/pushchairs that you would like to donate to the setting that are no longer used. We want to raise money for an interactive whiteboard for Heroes and came up with the idea of selling second hand items to raise money towards this.
- We currently have some second hand toys for sale in the nursery office. If you would like to purchase any toys please pop in and have a look at what we have for sale. Thank you
- Parents whose children are going off to school in September please make staff aware. Nursery needs four weeks' notice in writing.
- During the hours of 7.30-9.30am Mon to Fri please use the main intercom buzzer at the gate as signposted
- The building work has commenced and extra safety precautions have been taken to reduce the risk of falling debris and dust. The main entrance has now got a fixed shelter with covering and inside the building the bottom of Sweeties stairs has been boarded off to prevent dust from falling down inside. We continue to monitor and risk assess on a daily basis. Thank you for your cooperation.

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August:** Jenny (from Smarties) will be back in nursery between the hours of 7.30am - 10.30pm providing cover during the holiday period.
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August:** We will be having a teddy bears picnic at nursery. Please remember to bring your child into nursery with a teddy. Thank you
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August:** This week is Eid and we will be celebrating Eid with lots of activities during the week and teaching the children (age appropriate) about the celebrations families in our community have. If we have any parents, grandparents etc... who would like to come in and speak with the children about their celebrations and bring in some things for them to look at please speak with Miss Tranter. Thank you
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August:** We will be holding an Eid party at nursery from 2.15pm. Staff will have party lists up the week before for donations of food. Thank you
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August:** Pjyma day ☺ all staff and children can wear pjymas to nursery (no slippers).
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August:** Bank holiday nursery will be closed today and re open on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August as normal.
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August:** We will be holding a cake sale today at nursery at the end of the day. All funds will go towards purchasing a whiteboard for the Heroes room. If you would like to donate any home baked or shop brought cakes these would be appreciated. Thank you

#### FUNDING

As we are approaching the end of term and will soon be starting another term I would like to signpost parents to the government site **childcare choices**. This site has been set up by the government to advise parents on funding and tax free childcare available for working parents. If you think you may be eligible please visit the site on complete the online calculator which will provide you with money saving options for your childcare. Thank you  
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

#### Staff Training:

The next staff training will be held on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 5- 6pm**. All children need to be collected from nursery by 4.50pm to ensure a prompt start. The meeting will be based around planning and preparation for September ready for children moving into their new areas from September.

Late collection will incur a late collection charge.