


We hope you are well 😊 We had a very busy end to the term last month and would like to say a massive thank you to all our families who have supported us during this academic year. This time of the year is always sad as we say goodbye to many children as they leave us to continue their journey onto BIG school! The children all did fantastic at their graduation and during their performance and a huge thank you again to all the families who came along and showed support. This month is a little quieter as we begin to prepare the nursery for the start of term in September where we will be welcoming lots of new families to Little Swans. The nursery open day this month is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August from 11 am - 3 pm and we will also be having our pre-school (Rolos and Heroes) stay and play session on the same day from 12 pm - 2 pm. If you would like more information please ask.

Follow us on  TWITTER, search for swansyardley and Facebook. 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)

You can also keep up to date with nursery events on Facebook Little Swans Day Nursery @Littleswansdaynursery

## Pre School News

This month the children in pre-school will be having lots of exciting activities (after all it is the summer holidays). We have lots of messy activities planned to ignite the children's imaginations as they use a variety of resources and materials to create their own marks and explore their ideas, this will also include making our own musical instruments. To further support children with pencil control and drawing we have created a writing area in the room which the children have really enjoyed accessing independently. Many children have been speaking about the holidays they have been on or telling us that they are going on holiday soon, many children have spoken about traveling on planes so we have decided to make our own aeroplanes out of paper and the children will be looking at pictures of commercial planes and then having a go at designing their own plane. We will also be flying our planes and competing to see whose plane goes the furthest 😊 To support literacy development we will use props to retell stories to our friends and talk about characters, describing what they are like and talking about what we think might happen next in the story. We will continue to have lots of fun in the outdoor area (fingers crossed with the weather) and will be focusing on the Startwell Carther 180 Katie, who promotes 180 minutes of exercise each day to keep us healthy. Some children who are still with us in pre-school will still be leaving to go to their Big school so we will be continuing with activities to support children with the transition as well as talking about the move to school, what the children are excited about, nervous or worried about and what they think school might be like for them.

Summer Holidays - Hip hip Hooray 🎉

## Smarties News

Sadly we have to say goodbye to some of our nursery friends who have left to move onto nursery school. We wish them all the best and will miss them : 😞 We will be participating in many fun activities over the summer and we want to ensure the children can have a smuch fun as possible whilst they are at nursery. Some of the Smarties children will be moving to pre school in September and all the staff will miss them too, but we know they are ready to move on and learn more. We will be having new friends join us in Smarties from the baby room and Sumayah from baby room will be moving over to Smarties to support them with their transition. The babies will be coming for settling in sessions during the holidays so they can familiarise themselves with the room and begin to form attachments to new staff caring for them. This month we will be focusing on personal, social and emotional development and activities will be based around forming relationships, expressing feelings and talking about how we are feeling/ emotions. It is also national traffic awareness month so we will be learning about road safety and how to keep ourselves safe while out and about in the community, activities like this support the children's understanding of risk and how to manage risk. As it is summer (you wouldn't think so with the weather) we will be talking about how to stay safe in the sun and also having a go at making our own summer Lemonade. We are really hoping the weather will get drier and we will be doing lots of creative activities with the children and having some fun being artists and creating our own masterpieces.

We would also like to invite parents to provide information on their child's likes and activities they enjoy at home this will help us with planning. If you have any suggestions of activities we can include on our planning to support your child this would be welcomed.

## Jelly Babies News

This month the children in Jelly Babies will be having lots of fun splashing around in water play using coloured bubble bath foam. The children will be doing vegetable printing using different paint colours, where staff will be naming the colours and encouraging the children to identify and repeat the name. The children have been showing an interest in farm animals so we will be making a farm-themed tuff tray, using coco powder for soil and encouraging social interactions between the children. We will also be making our own puppet show in the baby room as well as cooking our own sponge cake and fairy cakes to decorate them we will be using icing pens to further develop the children's fine motor skills, yummy !! We will be getting messy when exploring the paint to make our butterflies. As it is the summer holidays we thought we would bring a bit of the fairground to the nursery and attempt to create some fairground games for the children to explore such as catching the fish in the water with our nets, wack a mole and bowling balls using our own materials and resources. We will be exploring ice painting, again exploring colour and texture and linking in water. To support the children's sensory exploration we will be making sensory bags with the children to explore with different textures and smells.

### Room Messages:

**Pre-School:** If your child is leaving nursery this month please remember to provide your four weeks' notice this can be done by email to [sam@littleswans.org.uk](mailto:sam@littleswans.org.uk). Stating your child's last day at nursery.

**Smarties:** Can we please remind parents to bring a bag with their child to nursery each day with a least one complete set of spare clothes.

**Jelly Babies:** Can parents please make sure all their child's belongings are clearly labelled including the water bottle/ beaker that they bring into the nursery each day.

Thank you

### August Dates for Your Diary

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August** - Nursery Open Day and Stay and Play session for children joining Rolos and Heroes in September.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August** - Stay and Play session 12 - 2 pm for children joining Sweeties in September

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August** - Nursery Closed Bank Holiday Monday

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August** - We will be having an end-of-summer party. Can all parents please donate £1 towards the cost of the party. Thank you Children can dress up in their favourite costume or party clothes. Due to space and maintaining ratios the party will be for children who are in nursery on a Thursday.

### PARENT NOTICES

#### Staff annual leave for this month: August

**1<sup>st</sup> Aug - 4<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Karen and Tia

Nameera (Tuesday)

**7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Sehar

Tia (Monday only)

Sumayah (Thursday and Friday)

**14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Miss Tranter\*\*

Jodi (Monday and Tuesday)

Tia (Friday)

**21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Miss Tranter\*\* and Nameera  
Rebecca (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday)

**29<sup>th</sup> Aug - 1<sup>st</sup> Sept** - Rafhit and Aisha

**\*\* During Miss Tranter's annual leave Mrs. Bouton will be available should parents need to speak with a member of management.**

### Important Notices

All parents should have received a letter regarding their child's move to the next area. The letter will confirm the date this will happen as well as important information you need to know about the room your child will be moving onto. If you have not received this letter then please speak with your child's keyperson or Miss Tranter.

Children who attend nursery for the 15 hours/ 30 hours funding **only** will have been provided with a start date of w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to return back to the nursery for the next term (Autumn Term ) This is a 13-week term. If you claim the funded hours and stretch these hours across the full year and pay for wraparound care the funding for your child will start from w/c 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

HAVE A GOOD MONTH ALL !!! 😊