

It's been a hot few weeks for the children at nursery and if the weather forecast is correct the sun is here to staying making this year one of the hottest summers for a long time ☺ With the increased temperatures can parents please ensure their child is dressed appropriately for the weather and sun cream is applied before coming to nursery. We recommend using the 12 hour protection sun cream as this will protect your child during their nursery day. Children also need a sun hat for outside play as well as a water bottle so they can access plenty of drinking water throughout the day, keeping them hydrated. Rhianna has started at the nursery and will be working in the Rolos room as supervisor when Letisha leaves on the 13th July to pursue her career with the prison service. Letisha has been at the nursery for 8 years and will be missed by children and staff. I would like to thank Letisha for all her support and commitment over the years. We also have Zoe who has joined the nursery some parents may be familiar with Zoe as she used to provide cover work as well as support our SEN children. Zoe will be completing her Early Years Educator qualification over the next 12 months, she will be working in Heroes with Atikha. I would also like to congratulate Atikha and Kareema on their promotion to room supervisor. Well done girls and keep up the good work ☺ it is nearly the end of the summer term and many children will be leaving us to go to school. This is always a sad time in nursery. On behalf of the whole staff team at Little Swans we hope you enjoy school and continue to succeed!!!

Our Topic book at nursery for June is

'I love my' This is a collection of books focused on emotions and families

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

Heroes News

The children will be participating in activities based on the topic book for this term and will be encouraged to talk about their emotions, who they love and who is in their family and how our families are different and exploring the reasons why we love our families and what makes them special to us. The children will also be practicing their leaver's assembly ready for their final performance on Friday 13th July. The letter we will be learning for Jolly Phonics is the letter 'I' please support your child at home by looking for objects which begin with the letter 'I' and sounding out the letter clearly with them. The Heroes children will also be learning about their transition to their new school and talking about their induction visit, using the role play and creative activities to share experiences with each other.

Staff Training and Meetings

Nursery will close early this month for Staff training: ***We have a child who is fed through a tube. Staff this month will be receiving awareness training on how to support the child in the setting. The training will be delivered by a nutritionist from an outside agency.***

Please make sure all children are collected by 4:45pm.

Please note: There will be a charge for late collection for any child on the premises after this time.

Smarties & Sweeties News

This month the Smarties children will be exploring different textures and exploring different emotions using puppets. Smarties will be doing some display work based on our families, talking about who live with at home and people who are special to us. We will also be focusing on healthy eating exploring different fruits and vegetables in our play. This month the Sweeties will continue to practice their Makaton signs learning sign for Good Morning/afternoon, sorry, eat and dinner. They will be making an apple tree display to support topic work as well as learning their body parts and participating in different types of dance. The children will also be helping with tasks such as lunch monitor etc...

Jelly Babies and Jelly Tots

This month the Jelly Babies will be creating a new display board based on the topic book 'I love my' the children will be basing this on animals. If your child has a pet at home please share photos of their pet with nursery. As the weather is hot we will be taking full advantage and doing lots of water play and incorporating sensory materials such as glitter and foam, encouraging the babies to explore the textures. To continue with sensory exploration we will also be doing pasta play with using food colourings as well as sand. And to keep us even busier we will be getting messy with paint making hand and foot prints.

This month Jelly Tots will be exploring with the mirrors looking at their reflections and obvious differences between each other such as hair and skin colour. We will also be encouraging the children to recognize their own features, such as their eye color. To support colour recognition we also have lots of creative activities planned where the children will be using a variety of colours to make their own marks. Jelly Tots really enjoy building and this month we will be using junk to explore our building skills further.

Rolos News At start of this month the Rolos will be really busy practicing for their leaver's assembly on the 10th July. The Rolos children will also be participating in activities linked to the topic book 'I love my' Looking at the things they love such as family, friends, pets and toys. Staff will ask the children to bring in their favourite toy from home as part of show and tell as well as photos of the people or animals they love. The children will also be getting messy with paper Mache', making planets. We will also be supporting transitions through role play and buddying children up as well as practicing more Makaton signs.

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Dates for your diary: From Monday 2nd July until Tuesday 31st July 2018

Story Sessions at the library: We only have one story session this month at the library due to the summer holidays this will be on Monday 10th July 2018. Story sessions will start again in September following this.

Nanny Shirley: Every Thursday unless family commitment
Forest School: Monday - Heroes, Friday - Rolos

Upcoming Events and Dates

July 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 on Thursday 19th July 2018 10am until 11am. This session provides you with the opportunity to seek advice if you have any concerns regarding your child's development or would like information about other professionals and their services in the local community.

Notice for Parents

- When phoning the nursery please make sure you select a room option if calling about your child as parents are coming straight through to the office remember we also can be contacted by email or on the nursery mobile.
- 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
- 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
- Can parents please ensure they are parking in the bays when collecting/ dropping their child to nursery? We have had many parents parking on the main drive, blocking in other parents as well as blocking the nursery exit.

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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk). 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
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- Tuesday 3rd July - Heroes leavers assembly rehearsal at Yardley library 2pm
- Friday 6th July - Rolos leavers assembly rehearsal at Yardley library 2pm
- Tuesday 10th July - Rolos leavers assembly at Yardley library 2pm. Tickets a £1.00 each. Refreshments will be available the end of the performance.
- Friday 13th July - Heroes leavers assembly at Yardley library 2pm. Tickets a £1.00 each. Refreshments will be available at the end of the performance.
- Tuesday 17th July - Graduation Party day. All children to dress up as their favourite character. Jelly Babies, Tots, Smarties and Sweeties will be having their parties at nursery from 2.15- 3.30pm. Heroes and Rolos will be holding their leavers party at the library from 2pm - 4pm. We will be having a disco and entertainer. All children welcome to attend. We will be outing lists up this week in nursery for donations of party food. Thank you
- Friday 20th July - Last day of term for children who access the 15 hour funding only. Have a lovely summer break and we will see you back at nursery on Monday 3rd September.
- Saturday 21st May - A scaffolding will be erected around the front of the main building in preparation for the loft conversion work due to commence on Friday 27th July. The company completing the work is called 'Up another Level' Further information will follow shortly. The Sweeties room will not be used during this period and children will be in either Smarties or Rolos during this period dependent on ratios. Contractors will have no access to areas where the children are as the top landing will be locked with a temporarily like door to ensure full safety of children and staff during this period. Please be aware that parking may be limited during this period due to vans and skips being used during the duration.