

Hi all! Where has all the good weather gone!! No sooner I start to write the newsletter and it has disappeared only to be replaced with none stop rain. Such a shame as it was nice to be able to get out in the fresh air and just being in the garden or park where there are lots of seasonal flowers and plants in bloom or coming into bloom. Such a lovely time of year ☺

As you know Rose our assistant Manager has now gone on maternity leave and on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June right on time Rose had the baby!! A little girl weighing 6lb 8oz and doing just fine. They haven't chosen a name yet as the two they were thinking about, they are not sure of now. Congratulations to Rose and Matt. We hope to have a visit from baby and mum soon.

Our Topic at nursery for the Summer Term is.....

All About Me

The book for this month is:

Handras Surprise

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

following 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)

## Heroes News

For July our book of the month is Handras Surprise. The children will be learning about African Culture and will be learning to move in different ways taking part in African dancing. They will be using instruments to make music and make repeated rhythms.

We will be making our own tennis rackets by using lollipop sticks and paper plates so we can play in teams in the garden with our friends. The children will be helping to make a fruit market by planting and having sensory play with soil. This will help them to understand nature and how to look after plants.

We will be weighing different fruits and will be learning to recognise numbers by using scales and make our own graphs.

The children are working really hard practicing their leavers assembly which will be on Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup> 2021, time to follow. The assembly will be recorded and be available to buy on CDs to parents and carers.

As the year is ending before the children progress onto "big school" we will be having a Movie and Mc Donald's day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

On this day we will also be holding our Leavers Party. Pictures from the party will be uploaded on Journals for parents and carers to view.

## Rolos News

In July our book of the month will be Handras Surprise. We will be designing our own fruit market in the garden area by making our own baskets, acting out roles using the tills and writing shopping lists. Rolos will be exploring different fruits when making a fruit salad and describing the taste and the smell of the fruits.

The children have shown an interest in animals and planting, we are going to be planting a variety of herbs and learning all about the life cycle of a plant. We are going to explore different animals and learn what countries they come from and explore animals in the soil and use a tally chart to count how many animals we find. The children who are leaving us for school will be practicing their graduation assembly which is being held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The children will be continuing to learn about school by taking walks to Yardley School, playing in the school role play area at nursery and reading all about school.

We will be talking about school safety, lollipop lady and teachers etc. Rolos will also be going upstairs to Heroes for settling in. We will be practicing our assembly for the other rooms too.

## Smarties News

We have had lots of fun with the indoor and outdoor activities throughout the month of June and will carry this on into July.

The Smarties will be focusing on the prime areas of PSED (Personal Social and Emotional Development) as we will be developing our sharing and turn taking skills and learning to wait for our turn without getting upset. To understand our feelings and emotions we will be involved in activities based on stories, puppet play and looking at emotion pictures displayed in the garden. We will also be working on our communication and language skills. During activities we will be asking children questions about what they are doing and encouraging them to answer in short or full sentences, depending on their ability.

We will also be focusing on Health and safety care as a lot of the Smarties are toilet training. For this we will be using stories and baby dolls on potties in order to develop children's awareness further of what a potty and toilet are used for. Smarties have also shown an interest in aeroplanes so to develop this interest further we will be talking about holidays and we are going to be using the sand pit outdoors to build sandcastles and pretend we are on the beach.

For this activity we ask Smarties parents to provide us with resources such as empty cereal boxes, egg cartons, yoghurt tubs or other items for junk modelling where we will be making aeroplanes.

We will also be celebrating world friendship day where children will make friendship bracelets for their close friend and again to develop their communication and language skills tell the key person in small groups who is their best friend and what they like about them.

**Jelly Babies** This month the babies will be looking at their facial features. We will be looking at our friends and staff members and naming their body parts. The babies will also be singing nursery rhymes that name body parts.

They will be making jelly at nursery to eat and will observe the texture of the jelly while making it.

We will also be making sensory ice cubes and the babies will have lots of fun exploring the cold feeling and melting.

We will be investigating sand and water play using different materials and animals. The babies will be encouraged to make the sounds of the animals and also name them. They will be mark making outside using chalk paint and sponges as well as felt tip pens and painting the easel.

Along with this they will be table top painting using different coloured paints as well as sponge painting. So, it sounds like a fun packed month for our little ones!!

## Jelly Tots

The Jelly Tots will be learning about sharing with their friends and how our friends make us feel.

They will be exploring sensory activities such as shaving foam, play using pasta and paint to create a picture.

The Jelly Tot children will be repeating single words and actions which will help them develop their communication and will also help them express their wishes.

The children will expand on their Makaton skills and will be learning more signs to use. Along with these activities our Tots will be doing more counting activities to help them with putting numbers into sequence. This includes activities such as counting how many times it takes to fill up a bowl with sand or building and counting the blocks. They are going to be busy Jelly Tots!

## Sweeties News

This month Sweeties will be practicing their graduation. We will be talking about going to big school and how we feel about it.

The children will take part in PE in the garden to get them used to what happens at school.

During this month we will be looking at the summer season and things that we do during the warmer months. Sweeties will role play being at the beach by building sand castles in the sand. They will look at different size sand castles and look at the height of them.

In the role play area, the children will pretend to sell ice cream from a stand.

They will also use different coloured play dough to make ice cream cones at the ice cream stand. They will look at numbers by trying to recognise the price of different ice cream.

Sweeties will also be making their own ice lollies by mixing fruit and juice together of their choice. This will give the children the opportunity to talk about their favourite fruits and about healthy eating.

## Drop in SENCO Session

Dee is now our nursery's setting-based SENCO and will be offering a phone in session (ring the nursery on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 between 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.*

## Notices for parents

- Rafhit in Smarties has been very busy sorting the children's role play area and creating a Jugle for the children. She would really appreciate any donations of collage materials, material they can cut up as well as empty grocery boxes, cartons and yoghurt pots etc... for the children's home corner.
- Can parents please remember to bring spare clothes in for their children each day in case of accidents or they generally get messy during activities and mealtimes so we can ensure they have a clean change. Thank you

**30 hours funding** If your child turns 3 before the 31<sup>st</sup> August 21 you may be eligible to claim 30 hours funding towards your childcare. To check your eligibility please go to the childcare choices website.

## July Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 10am** Sweeties Graduation to be recorded for parents and carers

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am** Heroes Graduation to be recorded for parents and carers

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm** Rolos Graduation to be recorded for parents and carers

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** Heroes cinema day and Mc Donalds

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Pre school leavers party – food lists will be in areas from this week for donations of party food. Thank you

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** Sweeties cinema day and Mc Donalds

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Fahemeemah in Smarties will be leaving us she has completed her level three qualification and has decided to explore other options but is unsure at the moment on what she will do.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – End of term for children in Sweeties and Jelly Tots and other children in our pre school area who attend nursery for 15 hours funding term time only. Autumn Term will start for children returning in September on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 21.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – Rolos cinema day and Mc Donalds

At the end of this month all parents and carers will receive their child's end of year report. Please look out for this on your child's learning journal