



Little Swans Day Nursery

News Letter July 2023

General news and information

Well, it's fair to say our children have become BIG fish in a small pond. Most have been with us in areas for a whole year and it is now time for them to make a big leap!!! Either off to BIG SCHOOL, or to another area of the nursery. It's very exciting for them but also sad as staff say goodbye. They will be missed very much and although it is always sad we also feel proud of how confident they have become, and how much they have learnt. Some started with us as babies, and as in previous years, in the future, some return as adults with their own children. Its always lovely to see, if a little disconcerting of how the years are flying by.

Next month's news from the areas

Jelly Babies

The Jelly babies have a really exciting fun month ahead of them. Staff have planned a variety of activities, such as creating marks using black card and chalk, which will encourage our babies to create different marks as well as sharing the chalks with their friends...well we can be hopeful...!!

We also have some cooking activities planned and will making cheese cake as well as a sponge cake with sprinkles. Interesting to see how they turn out!!

As we know babies love to splash in water, so what better than a coloured bubble bath where they get to blow bubbles off their hands, in between their fingers and onto their faces and clothes.

And now more messy play will soil and a tuff tray, adding more soil, some insects and looking at them through a magnifying glass.

Another activity will be tea bag mark making. Dipping the tea bags into water, then encouraging them to use their fine motor skills to drag the tea bag across the paper.

These are just a few of the activities we have planned for July.

Rolos

Welcome to another fun packed month!

The Rolos will be busy this month taking part in lots of activities. They have been practising their performance for the leaver's assembly for their mummies and daddies.

These dates will be confirmed and tickets will be available to purchase nearer the performance day. WE ARE LOOKING AT FRIDAY 14TH JULY AT YARDLEY LIBRARY AT 2PM.

Our Rolos will be taking part in Sports Day and for this they will need to wear sensible footwear to participate. Trainers is the ideal choice.

This month we will be exploring letter and number activities which will support their learning and development. We will be putting our creative skills into practice by using different materials and resources to do junk modelling.

We will be having circle time sessions and talking about our emotions and how we feel about leaving the nursery and going to big school, making new friends.

We will also be having discussions and sharing our views on what we want to be when we grow up.

To end this term the children will be having a leavers party and will be taking part in party games and dancing to lots of different cultural music.

All the staff in Rolos wish all of the children who are going to school in September the very best and much success.

Heroes

Hi all, we hope everyone is well!!

Wow, where is the time going, we are very busy preparing and getting the children ready for their transition for either to school or a different area of the setting. We are glad the summer is here as we are having lots of fun outdoors as well as eating some yummy ice-cream.

This month is going to be fun and exciting but also a little sad at the same time. We are going to miss the children very much. We will carry out activities such as role play dressing up in uniform for school and talking about what school will be like.

Heroes have been very busy practising their leavers assembly. This will take place on Monday 17th July at 2:15pm at Yardley Library. The children are very excited about the move to big school but sad that they will be leaving their friends and teachers behind.

This month the children will be taking part in Sports Day. This will go on throughout the week commencing Monday 3rd July. The children will be taking part in different races such as with hula hoops, bean bags on the head, and the egg and spoon race. At the end the children will receive a certificate as well as a medal. It's going to be a fun packed week!!

The children will be having a graduation party on Thursday 20th July at the setting with their friends.

The photographer will be coming on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July to take photos. We have a new photographer and she has new ideas so were looking forward to seeing how they turn out.

This month the children will be exploring ways of saving the planet. So, we will be learning about re cycling by placing plastic in one container and cardboard in another. We will also be making tube shakers by placing different ingredients such as pasta, rice, lasagne, flour and sugar to listen to the different sounds each make.

Sweeties

This month we know it's going to be very emotional for Sweeties children as most are going off to BIG SCHOOL. They grow up so fast.

They have worked hard this year to develop new skills and now they are ready to start the next chapter. Saying "Goodbye" to nursery and staff is part of the transition. We already miss you all!! We wish you every success on your new journey, until the last day because, we still have time to make lots of memories that the children will remember and share with the family and new teacher at school.

We are planning to have a fun month making and exploring with play dough. Children will use their fine motor skills to model the different letters we have learned and also have time to explore, their preferred way.

Our children love to role play and what better opportunity than when playing with dressing up and pretending they are going off to school. We also have an outdoor library in the garden and role play food etc

Sweeties are getting ready for their leavers assembly and have been practicing with their friends. They have been rehearsing Makaton songs and getting more confident to say the words and raising their voices to be heard. Lovely.

The first week in July our children will be taking part in Sports Day as we all love to be active and healthy. They will have an egg and spoon race, bean bags on the head as well as hula hoop race. All children will receive a certificate and a medal that they have made, for taking part.

As the weather is lovely and we have a new library outside in the garden, we will be having a Storytime outside. Children will also have a go at reading the books to their teddies or dolls. This will help to promote confidence, for sharing ideas with our friends.

It's going to be a busy and emotional month ahead.

Smarties

It is nearly the end of term and it has been lovely to see so many developing friendships, settling into the routine and exploring the curriculum.

Going forward the children will soon start settling into their pre-school rooms, and how exciting is that going to be. It will be a new start for them, but always a sad time for staff as we have really enjoyed having each and every one of them. We are happy for the journey we all started on together and that we have been able to support the learning and development of all the children in Smarties.

The children have recently started to show an interest in holidays and aeroplanes. In order to further their interest, we will be planning activities around this. We will be making holiday lemonade pictures as part of our art work. On a glass template the children will each stick on a straw, and use square blocks to make ice cube prints, using white paint. We will be developing children's language and communication skills by talking about how to stay safe on holiday and the things we may pack in our suitcase. The children will get to pack a suitcase with items they think they will need for going away, such as sun hats and sun cream. As our children enjoy getting their clothes messy, can parents/carers please supply your child with an old vest or t shirt to print on. The children will use fabric paint to draw. They can then wear their designer tops through the summer. It will be personal to them, something they have created themselves.

We have an open day on Saturday 15th July where we will meet the parents of the babies that will be moving over. This will be very exciting and we are looking forward to meeting everyone!!

Dates for Your Diary in July

Monday 3 rd	Sports Day this week for Heroes, Rolos and Sweeties
Wednesday 5 th to Friday 7 th	Photographer in nursery. Areas and days/times, as follows;
Wednesday 5 th and Thursday 6 th	Heroes, Rolos and Sweeties 9.30am. Children that are leaving us to go to school nursery/reception. These children will have their photo taken in a graduation gown, sash and cap with a backdrop that resembles learning.
Friday 7 th	Children remaining at nursery this year including Jelly Babies will have their photos taken with a back drop that resembles Summer, and children will be given corresponding props to hold If your child does not attend nursery on the stated days, but you would like them to have their photo taken, please bring them at 12 midday Wednesday to Friday
Friday 14 th July	Leavers assembly – Parents to arrive at 2:15pm. Rolos plus Sweeties PM
Saturday 15 th	Open Day Smarties and Jelly Babies parent/carer drop in session 12-2pm
Monday 17 th	Leavers assembly - Parents to arrive at 2:15pm. Heroes and AM Sweeties
Thursday 20 th	Leavers Party all areas - 2:30pm until 3:30pm

Reminder to all Parents/Carers

The two disabled parking Bays are for badge holders only. Please do not park in these bays. They must remain free for parent/carer/children with a disability only.

Staff off on annual leave this month

Sam Tranter	Monday 3 rd and Tuesday 4 th
Rebecca from Heroes	Monday 4 th to Friday 14 th
Jodie from Jelly babies	Wednesday 5 th to Friday 7 th
Lois from Jelly babies	Friday 14 th
Latisha from Rolos	Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st
Aisha from Jelly babies	Monday 17 th
Jodi from Jelly babies	Tuesday 18 th to Friday 21 st
Nameera from Smarties	Friday 21 st
Rafhit from Smarties	Monday 24 th to Friday 28 th
Tia from Jelly babies	Monday 31 st