

We have a few goodbyes to say this month as members of the team leave to pursue other career opportunities; Julie our cook of too many years will be leaving us this month and will be working at The Spire private hospital full time in their kitchen. Julie needed more hours than the nursery could offer and we are very sad to see her go. Julie will be replaced by a lady called Dee who will work alongside Karen starting in September. Dee used to work at the nursery as a qualified nursery nurse for a number of years and left to start a family. She now has three children of her own and is ready to return part time in the kitchen.

Pam from Heroes will be leaving us on Friday 22nd June; she is going to work at a nursery in Leamington Spa where she will be supervising a mixture of ages. Pam has been at Little Swans for nearly 10 years the same as Julie and it is with great sadness we see them go. We wish them all the best for the future they will be greatly missed by staff and children alike.

Letisha another long term member of staff that started her childcare career with Little Swans a number of years ago has decided to change careers and will be leaving the nursery in the near future to be a prison warden. She is waiting for paperwork to be processed before joining the prison service and will give 6 weeks' notice once complete.

Our Topic book at nursery for June is

**'Living with mom, living with dad'
and is focused on families in the community**

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 This Month Heroes will be practicing their leavers assembly which will take place on Friday 13th July. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday 14th June at 2pm at the library. They will spend this month talking about getting ready for school and some things they will need such as uniforms, bags and pencil cases as well as talking about classrooms and meeting new friends. They are practicing the letter 'P' for Jolly Phonics and learning about each other's families; who lives with us and what makes us different? They will draw pictures of their family and will be making Father's Day Cards but shhhhh it's a secret.

The children will practice writing their names and learning to put more complex jigsaws together.

Phew they have a busy month ahead!

Staff Training and Meetings

Nursery will close early this month for Staff training: **Managing Children's Behaviour with the help of Makaton Sign Language**

on: **Thursday 31st May**

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

Can Sweeties parents please bring in sun hats and water bottles for your child labelled with their name. The children have been tracing over letters from the alphabet to improve their tripod grip and help hold markers with their thumb and fingers.

The children have been involved in role play pretending to be doctors and nurses finding out more about their roles in our community. Sweeties have also been learning about how to brush their teeth by reading story books and using a tooth brush.

This month Smarties will be focusing on families carrying out different activities "Me and my Family" children will be asked to bring in photos from home as well as talking about family members.

The children are in the process of doing a fruit and veg display and involved in cooking talking about healthy foods and preparing healthy snacks. In the playground we will focus on developing their gross motor skills using apparatus. Staff continue to potty train children that are ready supporting child and parents.

Jelly Babies and Jelly Tots

Jelly Babies will be focusing on role play activities this month with lots of dressing up, teddy bear picnics and tea parties. There are also display boards that need designing and filling as well as finishing off other boards such as 'The Tiger who came to Tea'. The new display board will focus on 'living with mum and/or dad'.

The babies will be involved in water play 'splish splash' let's hope they don't take a bath. They will add foam and glitter to make it more sensory.

Our babies love sand play so we will be including different toys such as animals and balls to hold their interest as well as looking at different marks we can make in the sand wet or dry. There will be more bottle shakers made this month with rice, pasta, glitter and pompoms. Jellies will not restrict messy play to the inside either they will be going into the playground armed with chalk ready to use the external chalk boards to express themselves! As well as being busy making Father's Day cards.

This month Jelly Tots will be learning about a variety of different mini beasts. They will be looking at what each one looks like, how they move, where they live, if they make noises what they sound like and searching around the nursery environment to find their very own mini beasts. This topic will be linked in with sensory play, we will use the mini beast toys in soil to enhance the children's understanding of where we can find these creatures. We will incorporate this into our display work.

Also, in this very busy month we will be making an 'All About Me' display where we will look at pictures of our families and creating a display around this. We will be asking parents if they could bring in one photo which will include most family members. Thank you in anticipation.

Rolos News

This month in Rolos we will be preparing and practicing our leavers assembly for those of us that are due to go to big school in September. It's a big step and we want our children to be prepared for the change. We will be focusing on families; where we live, who lives with us their names and relationship. We will talk about each other's families. Mum, dad, carer, brothers, sisters as well as extended family.

We are starting to learn about the changes in seasons and pointing out all the things in the environment that depict summer including the colours of summer and the feel of the summer weather on our skin.

Rolos will also be getting into good routines to set them up for going off to big school. Things like lining up, putting their coat on by themselves and doing the zip up, using knives and forks correctly and practicing writing their own names to name but a few. We want our children to go confident and prepared for the next stage in their development.

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Dates for your diary: From Monday 4th June until Friday 29th June 2018

Story Sessions at the library: To be arranged
Nanny Shirley: Every Thursday unless family commitment
Forest School: Monday - Heroes, Friday - Rolos

Upcoming Events and Dates

• 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 Friday 1st June 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
- If you have any spare paper that you can donate to the nursery for the children to scribble on and practice their writing we would be very grateful
- 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 are still letting others into the nursery on entry and exit. Please do not allow anyone to enter the premises, they must wait for a member of staff to acknowledge them
- 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 YOU HELP?

Are you a nurse, a postman, a vet, a firefighter, a policeman or a shop assistant etc. do you have some spare time to come into the nursery and tell our children about your role in the community?

If so please speak with Elaine Boulton/Sam Tranter Management

June Dates for your Diary

Staff Training

Friday 1st June Dianne SENCO drop in session 10am until 11am

Thursday 7th June Heroes visit to Yardley School/pm

Friday 22nd June Stay and Play at the Library 9.30-11am

Saturday 23rd June Open Day 11am until 3pm

Wednesday 27th June Children who participated in project at Carrs Lane senior citizens trip to Blakesley Hall – **details to be confirmed**

Thursday 28th June SEN staff training nursery closes at 5pm

Friday 15th June - Julie the cook last day at nursery

Friday 22nd June - Pam Heroes supervisor last day at nursery