

# Hardingstone Day Nursery

## Little Ladybirds

Please can parents ensure that all children have appropriate footwear for the garden. We are aware some children don't yet walk however we do like to cover their feet outside for health and safety factors.

We have a lot of children who bring their own dribble bibs in. This is no problem; however can you please ensure that they are named as they are likely to get mixed up with other children's or with ours and we've had a few go walk about recently. If we do get any in unnamed we are going to name them ourselves to prevent these issues.

Please ensure you inform us if your child has any form of injury at home. Often were told about the visible marks however during nappy/clothing changes we notice bruises and scratches that we were unaware of. It is important that you let us know and fill in an existing injury form so that we know where, when and how the injury has happened.

## Happy Hedgehogs

As the summer holidays are vastly approaching, music bugs has now ceased and will be returning for 2 weeks on the 6<sup>th</sup> August. It will then commence again weekly from the start of the new term.

As our children are really interested in exploring dressing up shoes and hats, if you have any old, unwanted shoes or hats (woolly, shower caps, any sort of hat) at home clogging up your cupboards then please feel free to donate them.

Molly supports a charity called Children on the edge in her spare time and is working hard to raise money for them. There is a raffle to win a family photo experience on the front desk in which all proceeds Molly is collecting for the charity. Please take a look on your way in and out of the nursery and enter if you'd like to. Ideally all numbers will be taken by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to make way for a display about nutrition.

## Busy Bees

This week the busy bees have enjoyed talking about going on their holidays. We have used tapestry to aid our discussions, and the children have enjoyed sharing photos with their friends of their holidays and fun days out! We have implemented a beach role play area into the role to extend the children's learning. This week the children have been pretending to make ice creams using shaving foam, different pots and resources such as glitter, as sprinkles. If you have any photos you'd like to share, we would love to see these on tapestry! We would also be grateful for any used ice cream tubs if you have these.

## Wise Owls

This week, we have visited the park twice where the children have enjoyed using the fantastic park apparatus. We are looking forward to continuing these park visits over the summer and even have plans for a picnic lunch. We have zoolab visiting us on 26<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30 for children in attendance. The children will have the opportunity to learn about and handle some mini-beasts, we are all very excited!

Please could parents inform us of their child's leaving date if you haven't already. The funding will continue up until the 31<sup>st</sup> August. If you require sessions after this date these must be booked in. No funding will be able to be claimed after 31<sup>st</sup> August for children starting school in September 2018.

## All groups

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July, the nursery held a graduation party for those children who are leaving us to go to school in September, we wish them, and their families all the very best for the future.

We have some very exciting plans in place for September, we plan to have a mixed aged breakfast/snack/art room for our Busy Bee and Wise Owl children, with both age groups still accessing their own base rooms to ensure we are able to provide age appropriate activities. We envisage that the children will be able to share skills between themselves in this mixed age room and will be supported by staff members from both the Busy Bee and Wise Owls room. We also feel it will better prepare children for transition. More information will be given once all the plans are finalized.

We would like to remind you that the fee increase and funded hours for children that turn three between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 takes effect from September (Invoices dated 18<sup>th</sup> August). Please be sure to check your invoices and amend your payments accordingly.