

Hardingstone Day Nursery

Staffing

This term sees our largest transition of children moving rooms compared to all the other terms. This is due to the number of children leaving us to go to school. Therefore, it is always a good time of the year to make any staffing changes with regards to which room they are based in. This is done for a variety of different reasons, but we always find that staff enjoy working with a range of different ages throughout their careers and aids their own professional development. Skills and knowledge gained in one age group will often positively influence working with other age groups and childcare courses always cover the whole range of ages in the Early years.

The staffing we be as follows with any changes to the current staff deployment in italics:

Little Ladybirds – Amy, Sarah, Kateline, *Rachael, Emma*

Happy Hedgehogs – Alison, Megan, Chloe W, Molly, *Sophie N, Lucy*

Busy Bees – Millie, Sophie B, *Megan A, Chloe H, Vicky*

Wise Owls – Jemma, Elle, Catrina, *Vicky (will move into room during Autumn term from Busy Bees)*

Little Ladybirds

Little Ladybirds are sending out their own newsletter this month.

Busy Bees

This week in the busy bees we have been participating in pirate week. We have had lots of fun finding treasure letters in the shaving foam, making treasure sensory bottles. We have also been making pirate ships by gluing and sticking, hand painting parrots and building our own pirate ship with the big wooden blocks. The children have enjoyed coming into nursery in their pirate costumes.

Happy Hedgehogs

The children have been enjoying plenty of water play, including fun in the paddling pool during the warm weather. They have also had access to the Mud Kitchen and have been highly involved in creating mud pies using the microwaves.

We have a new book called 'Kitchen Disco' which has a great song version on YouTube for us to sing and dance along to.

Our new hats and shoes have been gratefully received, which the children have been independently accessing when it suits them. We are still welcoming more donations of these items if you have anything suitable.

Wise Owls

The Wise Owls have updated their welcome booklet and will be sending these out shortly.

All groups

Due to the amount of medicines stored at nursery, we have decided to provide a nursery bottle of emergency paracetamol and ibuprofen, rather than having what is hundreds of bottles in our medicine cabinet! Please ask a member of staff in your child's room for your child's medicine to take home. Any bottles unclaimed after 31st August will be disposed of. Parents should continue to provide medicines for any situation where you know your child will need it. Nursery will supply emergency paracetamol and ibuprofen only.

Parents of children that are newly eligible for 3 year old funding were sent out the required forms. Please ensure these are completed and returned if not already done so. Parents of children already accessing 30 hour funding should be ensuring that their codes are being renewed with HMRC every 3 months.

Please check your child has sufficient suncream left in their nursery suncream bottle. May children are starting to run out due to the beautiful summer we are having this year.