

Somerset Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter

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Dear Families,

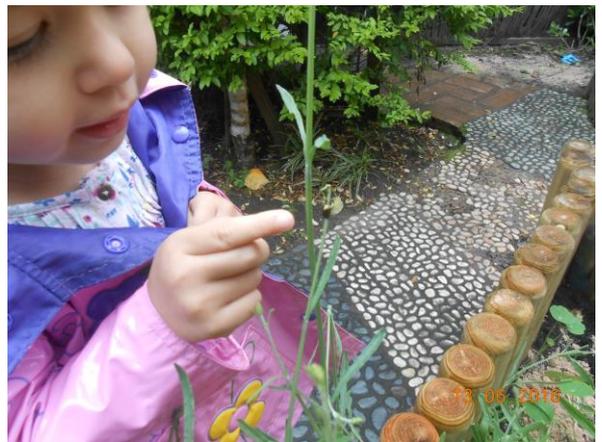
Summer holidays are approaching fast and life has been very busy in the nursery!

In the nursery, many of you will have seen all the excitement and learning that has come from watching our chicks hatch from their eggs and grow each day. They have been safely returned to the farm. The incubator is currently keeping a new batch of larger eggs warm and the children are wondering and waiting excitedly to see what hatches out of them!

We have been exploring wheels following the children's interest. This has involved making models of wheeled vehicles, observational drawings of a wheel, a bicycle and roller skates and for some small groups of children, a trip to the science museum, where they saw wheels of a much larger size!

'Somerset Greengrocers' has proved a great success, with children learning lots of new skills. They have been taking on the role of customer and the greengrocer, naming vegetables, buying, selling, weighing, writing shopping lists, cutting and eating carrots.

In the Robin Room the children have been interested in hunting for minibeasts in the garden. They have also been caring for snails and observing caterpillars grow and change.



They have also been enjoying lots of water play - exploring what happens when they mix it with sand, transporting it, cleaning the windows and watering the plants!

In the children's centre the children have been learning to share, join in and play together. Parents have been introduced to the learning stories and are keen to get involved in these.

We will soon be having our summer outing for the children leaving the nursery on these dates: 6th, 11th and 12th July. Look out for more details in a separate letter very shortly. If you are available to help, please speak to one of the nursery teachers.

Transition to Primary School

For many families there is a lot of excitement about 'new beginnings' as we all help children get ready for their transition to Primary School. Each year, children from our nursery move on to a reception class in one of the many local primary schools in Wandsworth or a neighbouring borough. During the summer term we work closely with as many of these schools as possible, to make sure your child is well prepared for their new school. This may involve visits to Somerset from the reception teachers or a visit for some children, with Somerset staff to their new school. We will also pass on a copy of your child's end of year school report to the new school.

Staffing news

This term we have welcomed two new members of staff to the Somerset team, Anne Addo the new Deputy Head teacher and Jason Terrett, the new Premises officer. We have also appointed a new Children's Centre Manager, who is due to start before the end of term. We will be very happy to see Rupal, business manager returning back to school in the autumn term.

We are very keen to improve our practice and warmly welcome comments and feedback from parents and carers. Many thanks for taking the time to complete the parents and carers questionnaire. Take a look at the display of results in the entrance hall.

We are currently recruiting a parent governor. If you are interested in supporting us at Somerset, please consider getting involved - we would love to have you on board! More information will soon be available in the entrance hall.

DRIVING TO SCHOOL? Take a look at the map below. We are keen to maintain good relationships with all our residents. Please do not park in the private parking bays or on the slip road circled in red. Why not try parking further from the school and walking the last part of your journey!



Diary Dates

The last day of school for children in the Nursery and Robin Room is Monday 18th July. School will be closed for staff training / Inset on Tues 19th and Weds 20th July.

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