**Somerset Nursery School and Children’s Centre**  
**Newsletter – July 2019**

**What’s been going on?**

We are at the end of the summer term and it has been a very busy and exciting few weeks! The children have been utilising their woodwork skills, learning about the lifecycle of a caterpillar and will be running their own greengrocers shop until the end of term!

The sponsored obstacle course last year was a great success! We raised an impressive £351.01. This year’s event will take place on 9th July 2019 and there will be oranges for everyone who takes part! Please ask your friends and family to sponsor your child. All the proceeds go towards extra curricular activities and resources for the children. Let’s see if we can raise even more this year!!

Children have been enjoying the sunshine and on the last day of term we will have a visit from the ice cream man in the afternoon!

**Thank you!**

On Thursday 27th June the Governing Body invited parents to join them in an afternoon of fun, food and a presentation by the Chair of Governors. Governors answered questions and received feedback from parents.

We would like to say a massive thank you for making this event a massive success, Thank you for all your amazing support!

![Ice cream cone]

**Staffing News**

We will be saying goodbye to a number of staff at the end of this term. We would like to give them all a big thank you for their hard work and dedication over the years. We wish them all good luck for their future endeavours!

Staff that are leaving:

- Janet Gopaul  
  Teacher
- Elaine Ewin  
  Nursery Nurse
- Denise Braveboy  
  Nursery Nurse
- Amna Dumpor  
  Nursery Nurse

**Our New Nurture Room**

From September, our 2 year old provision will move from Robin Room to a new space adjacent to the Nursery, giving the children greater opportunities to integrate and interact with their older peers. The 2 year olds will still have the option of the smaller nurture room and access to the Robin Room garden. We continue to take applications from families eligible for 2YO funding and from fee paying parents.

**Children going to Primary School; Some tips...**

Practicing the journey to school over the summer break can help everyone feel familiar with the route and help your child feel more confident on their first day. It will also help your family practice timings, ensuring that you arrive on time for your first day.

Talk about the new school with your child, their exciting new uniform. Find out things that will help you feel organised e.g. what days your child may need a PE kit.

This is an exciting time, if you are positive your child will be too. If you have any questions or worries, mention it to your new teacher. Often it is something small and simple which can be sorted straight away.

**Good luck with your new adventure, from all the Somerset Team!**
**Dates for your diary:**

The last day of School for children in the Nursery and Robin Room is **Friday 19th July 2019**. This year we will be breaking up at 2PM.

**Autumn Term 2019**

We look forward to welcoming some of you back soon.

*First Day:* **Monday 2nd September 2019 will be an INSET day and the school will be closed for staff training.**

**Tuesday 3rd September** we welcome the children back at 9.15am and 12.45pm (normal times).

All our term dates are available at the front Summer Sessions in the Children's Centre

The Children Centre will be open throughout the Summer holidays for Baby and Child Clinics by the Health Team. These will take place on each Friday at the usual time of 9.30am to 11.00am.

Please see the THRIVE website for further details about Children Centre activities throughout the locality:

www.thrive.wandsworth.gov.uk

Following a Borough wide consultation the activities offered by the Children’s Centre throughout Wandsworth will be delivered slightly differently from the Autumn Term. Please ask in Reception or look on our website in September for more details.

**Reminders:**

- As you are aware, we have a no debt dinner money policy. Each meal costs £2.25. Please ask Alia in the office for details of any outstanding balance. Please ensure your dinner money account has been cleared by the 12th July 2019.

- Please ensure that if your child is staying on in September that you reconfirm your 30 hour code if you are eligible for a full time place when you receive your text message.

- All new qualifying parents MUST apply for their codes by the 31st August 2019, so that staff may validate them, or funding will not be available.

**Join us on Facebook!**

Please join us on Facebook! Like, comment and share our exciting page with family and friends, lets show everyone how great Somerset Nursery is!

**Spread the word!**

We have places available for 2 and 3yr olds in September. Please spread the word around to family and friends!

We offer:

- 15 hour funded places, for 2 and 3yr olds.
- 30 hour funded places
- Wrap Around Care
- Fee paying or top up places;

**We are offering 15 hours for just £105 a week!** If you would like anymore information regarding places please ring the school office or email admin@somerset.wandsworth.sch.uk

Check our website and Facebook page for regular updates!

**Last but not least….**

🌞 We would like to wish you all a very happy summer! We hope you have a fun and safe holiday.

If you have any questions please do give us a call on 020 7223 5455