



# July Newsletter

## Pre-School Room

The children in preschool have been learning about Summer. They have looked for the signs of summer and compared them to Springtime developing their Understanding of the World. They have enjoyed tasting Summer fruits and making fruit smoothies and learning about eating healthily. We have talked about how to keep ourselves safe in the sunshine by wearing sun hats and sun cream. The children have developed their creative skills by painting pictures of the seaside and drawing postcards. This has also helped develop the children's writing skills. The children also enjoyed taking part in sports day activities and developing their moving and handling skills by learning how to move in different ways and avoid obstacles.

## Toddler Room

The Toddlers have been exploring the crunching munching caterpillar this month! We have been observing our very own caterpillars, introducing and using new vocabulary, and creating our own models! We have been focusing a lot on patterns, creating them and discussing their differences. The toddlers have been using the camera to take pictures of the outdoor environment, this has helped their understanding of technology and fine motor skills. We have spent a lot of time reviewing our vegetable patch and picking our lovely summer fruits.

## Baby Room

The babies have been exploring the different farm yard animals, their young and the different sounds they make! The babies have been taking part in lots of sensory play surrounding the farm, such as soil, sawdust and different cereals.

The babies have been exploring outside, enhancing their gross motor skills by climbing, using the bikes and cars and kicking the balls!

## Important Dates

**Breakfast around the World - 29th July**

**Last Day of Term - 23rd July**

**Beach Dressing up day - 23rd July**

## Book & Rhyme of the month.

**Pre School** "Snail and the Whale" by Julia Donaldson and singing "Three Little Fishes"

**The Toddler Room** "Sharing a Shell" by Julia Donaldson and singing "Three Little Fishes"

**Baby Room** "Old McDonald had a farm"

## Sun Hats and Sun Cream

Please can we ask parents to provide sun cream and a sun hat for their child whilst at nursery.

## Dressing Up Day

We are inviting your child to dress up with us for our beach day on Friday 23rd July we will be having a day filled with fun activities based around the seaside as part of our Summer theme.

## Children going to school

Please can we ask parents to let the pre school staff or office staff know when their child's last day will be.

## Graduation Party - 22nd July 2.30pm. - OWLS ONLY

This year on Thursday 22nd July we are hosting our annual Graduation Party for all the Owls who are leaving Toy Box to start school in September. We will be holding a BBQ and playing a variety of games .

If your child is leaving us to go to school this summer and you would like to attend, please complete the reply slip attached to the letter that has gone out.

**Please remember the graduation party is for those children who are leaving to go to Reception class in school ONLY.**

## Birthdays

Bobby	3rd
Sebastian	5th
Arthur	9th
Zara	10th
Tobias	13th

## Car Park

We would like to remind parents that the carpark is strictly for staff of the school, SOS and Toy Box

. If you are dropping/collecting your child between the hours of 8.00am and 4.30pm then please do not park in the carpark. Can we also remind parents that they must **not** park at the bottom of the drive when the gates are closed as this can cause an obstruction .

We thank you for your cooperation.



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## Things to do at home this month

### Pre-School

The Pre school will be learning about The Seaside. You could visit the beach (especially if you are going on holiday) and look for shells and other sea creatures. You could talk about the weather and the type of clothes we need to wear for different types of weather. You could also talk about the journey to the seaside and what transport you have used. You can read the story of "Snail and the Whale" and talk about the journey that the snail goes on. You could go on a picnic and get the children to help prepare the sandwiches and talk about halves and quarters.

If you take any pictures of your activity please share them with via the Evidence Me page.

### Toddler room

The children in the Toddler Room will be reading the story "Sharing A Shell". You could extend your child's learning at home by talking about sharing and taking turns. You could also take pictures if you have a trip to the seaside and whilst there you could collect shells and count how many you have collected. Read the story with your child and talk about their favourite character and what they think will happen next.

Make ice lollies using yoghurt or fromage frais pots and fill with fruit juice and push a lolly stick in.

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### Baby Room

In the baby room the children are continuing learning about On the Farm. You could extend the learning at home by singing "Old MacDonald" and learning the sounds that the animals make. You could go for a walk and look for different farm animals and learn the names of the animals. You could bake animal shaped biscuits and have fun decorating them.

Don't forget to share pictures with us either via the Evidence Me portal or on our Facebook page.

### Three Little Fishes

Down in the meadow in a little bitty pool.

Swam three little fishies and a mama fishie too.

"Swim said the mama fishy, swim if you can" and they swam and they swam all over the dam.

Boop, boop diton datem  
whatem choo.

Boop, boop diton datem  
whatem choo.

And they swam and they swam  
all over the dam.

### Next Month

During July the Preschool children will be reading "Tiddler" by Julia Donaldson.

The Toddler Room will be reading "Little Red Riding Hood"

The Baby Room will be singing the rhyme "Wind a Bobbin".

### Old Macdonald

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,  
And on his farm he had a cow,  
E-I-E-I-O,

With a moo-moo here and a  
moo-moo there,

Here a moo,

there a moo,

everywhere moo-moo,

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.

Change animal on next verse