



HEDGEHOGS NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 13TH JULY

What another hot week it has been! We have been making the most of the cooler mornings by spending lots of time outside exploring, playing and learning together. As the day has warmed up, we have moved into the shade or indoors where possible to keep cool and comfortable. The children have been fantastic at remembering to drink plenty of water, wear their sun hats and look after themselves and their friends in the hot weather. Despite the high temperatures, we have still had a wonderful week filled with fun, learning and lots of smiles.

The children have done incredibly well this week, especially as we know many of them are feeling tired with the end of term fast approaching. We have been so proud of how they have continued to show enthusiasm, kindness and resilience throughout their days in Nursery. We have spent lots of time revisiting our three Nursery values of Ready, Respectful and Safe, talking about what these look like in our everyday routines and how we can all help to make sure everyone has a happy and enjoyable time at Nursery. The children have shared some fantastic ideas about being kind to their friends, listening carefully to adults, looking after our resources and making sure everyone feels included. It has been lovely to see them putting these values into practice during their play and learning.

We have also been spending lots of time talking about 'moving on' and what September might look like for all of the children. For those moving on to Reception, whether at Oliver's Battery or another school, we have been discussing what their new schools might be like, what will be different and all the exciting things they have to look forward to. For the children who will be staying with us in Hedgehogs, we have been talking about welcoming new friends into Nursery and how they will become our older, more experienced Hedgehogs, helping to look after and support the new children as they settle in.

The children have also had plenty of opportunities to talk about remaining in Nursery and have been getting to know Mrs Homewood, who will be joining the Nursery team in September. These conversations have been a lovely way to help all of the children feel confident, reassured and excited about the next stage of their Nursery journey.

A big thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic this week. It was a lovely opportunity for the children and their families to spend some time together and begin building excitement for the move to Reception. For those of you who were unable to attend, please don't worry we made sure your children were included in all the fun and enjoyed taking part in the activities with their friends.

It was a wonderful afternoon and a lovely step in supporting the children's transition to their next adventure.

GRADUATION

We hope that all families whose children are moving on to Reception received the email earlier this week with an invitation and all the details for our Graduation celebration on Tuesday. If you are unsure of the timings or did not receive the email, please speak to a member of the Nursery team and we will be happy to help. For those joining us, the celebration will finish between 2:45pm and 3:00pm. You are very welcome to take your child home afterwards if you wish. If you have older children in the main school, they will need to remain in school until the usual 3:30pm collection time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nursery Graduation 13:30-14:45/15:00
End of term
INSET DAY

Tuesday 21 July
Wednesday 22 July
Tuesday 1 September

A BIG THANK YOU

As this is our final newsletter of the school year, I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all for your support throughout the year. As many of you know, I joined the Nursery in September, and it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you and your wonderful children. They have all grown so much in confidence, independence and curiosity, and you should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

To those children moving on to Reception, I wish you all the very best as you begin your next exciting adventure. I look forward to seeing many of you around school and watching you continue to flourish. To our Hedgehogs who will be returning to Nursery in September, I can't wait to welcome you back and see how much more you grow over the next year.

Thank you again for sharing your amazing children with us it is such a privilege to watch their little minds develop, their personalities shine and their confidence blossom.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer break, and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

SOPHIE AND THE TEAM