

# HAMBLEDON NURSERY NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2019



Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year, who can believe how time has flown, especially for those children leaving us this year to start school. We have a few events happening over the coming weeks to celebrate summer. Let's hope that the weather shines upon us to make these last week's enjoyable for all.

We have a big number of leavers this year, some 35 children moving onto school or new nursery settings with planned house moves afoot, so lots of preparation is required to ensure there is a smooth transition for all. We have already had confirmation dates for new school teachers visiting, and awaiting to hear from others, so please be rest assured that we will make contact over the coming weeks.

## CAR PARKING

A polite reminder, please try to free up those precious parking spaces as quickly as possible when dropping off or collecting your children. It would be most helpful to fellow parents and carers that once you have dropped off your children in the morning to make a quick exit allowing parents to park safely.

Finally please keep idling to an absolute minimum while parking, thank you everyone for your consideration.

## WEBSITE

I am so pleased to announce that our new Nursery School Website will very shortly be up and running. Although long overdue, we will be able to add current updates and information to support parents and those enquiring about our facilities. The Village website is also a very useful tool, to keep abreast of current events happening around the village. [www.hambledonnurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.hambledonnurseryschool.co.uk)



## EMPTY CLASSROOM SESSIONS

Your child may have been chatting to you about our 'Empty Classroom' sessions this term. We have already had many running throughout last half term and many more are planned on different days throughout the remaining summer term. These enhanced sessions have included den building, campfire cooking and large scale clay play. Every child will experience these 'Forest school' style sessions and they have been enjoying the change in routine and fresh air by spending their morning outside...they do get tired but they are having a wonderful time.

## HOT WEATHER

May I remind you to apply sun cream to your child prior to their session, ensure footwear is suitable for running/climbing activities, and that children have a named sun hat and light weight waterproof trousers. We regret that it is not suitable to keep sun cream in your child's bag, as this is easily accessible to other children and could become a health and safety issue. Croc style shoes or wellington boots are required for outside play. Shade is available in the outside classroom and staff keep close watch over children during hot weather conditions, with water easily available both indoors and out.

## ROLE PLAY AREA

We have an additional role play area in the garden this half term, a small camp site with pretend fire and pots for cooking mud pies. If you are planning on going camping over the coming weeks, please let us know so we can build these experiences into your children's play

## P. E SESSIONS

Physical Development sessions will take place once a week in the afternoons during this half term. High emphasis is placed upon your child's ability to dress and undress, this being one of the development matters that the Early Years Foundations Stage Framework sets for children to achieve during their early education. Staff are on hand to help your children manage this task and we are pleased to share the good news that many children are coping with this brilliantly and are keen to show us what 'big boys and girls' they can be.

## TICK ADVICE

Ticks are small, spider like creatures that feed on the blood of animals, including people. It is not uncommon for children to be infected by ticks whilst they play in grass and woodland areas. Ticks can transmit bacteria that cause diseases, although not all tick bites result in this way. It is important for you to act if you or your child gets bitten.

- Remove the tick as soon as possible using tweezers or tick removal tool
- Once removed, apply antiseptic to the bite area
- Contact your GP if you begin to feel unwell

I have printed off the Public Health England 'Be Tick Aware' poster which is displayed in reception for further information.

If we notice any ticks on children during nursery hours, we will contact parents/carers immediately (Rest assured we have not seen any ticks this summer or in recent years, so fingers crossed we should be fine).

## TRANSITION TO INFANT SCHOOLS

To support the children's transition, we will be talking about schools, reading related story books and incorporating associated resources. School uniforms will be in the role play areas for children to use in their imaginary play. Some very welcome visits from reception class teachers from local schools are in the diary for this half term.

I would ask you to inform us should you think your child is sensitive to the impending transition, so we can adapt activities and take into consideration their emotions at this very important time. I would also request that you keep us informed if there are any changes to the schools to which your child is moving on to.

I take this time to reiterate the importance of this transition. The skills and opportunities your child has the chance to experience at Hambledon Nursery School are not in preparation for moving onto school, they are somewhat more than that.

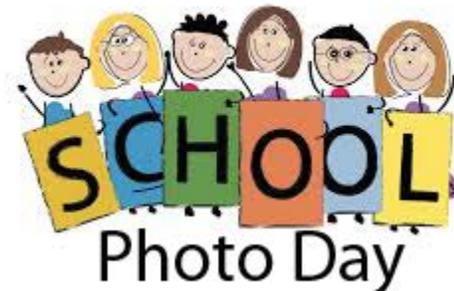
During your child's early years a strong start in learning and development is an essential foundation for progress through life, this is supported by our school ethos, 'Where skills to last a lifetime are taught and lifelong memories are made' which clearly sets out that the skills children acquire during their time at Hambledon Nursery School are indeed skills they need for life, building foundations for their whole future. All children at all ages are 'ready to learn.' The provision at Hambledon Nursery School gives your child the foundation to go on and build further, to achieve and enjoy the next stage of their education and experiences in life. So please be rest assured that we will do our utmost to ensure that your child's next school is ready for them and that they have received the necessary information and developmental records to promote this transition. This will include gathering your own and your child's ideas about the 'must know' at glance key information that reception class teachers will gain from our 'Starting School Passport'. All will become clear during your parent consultations this half term.

## VEGETABLE GARDEN

We are excited to plant up the seedlings we have been nurturing in the classroom, runner beans, broad beans, sun flower seeds. Children will care for these young plants and take the opportunity to watch them grow over the coming weeks.

## GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

This years nursery photographs will take place on Wednesday 5th June. The photographer will be ready to take individual photographs from 9am. The group photograph will take place at 11.30. For all those children attending on the Wednesday they will be given the opportunity of having their individual photograph taken throughout the morning and any siblings wanting to get in in the action will be prioritized first thing. All other families are invited to pop in from 10.30am and we ask you to please wait in the playground until the photographer is ready. The group photograph always proves to be a lovely keepsake to remember your time at Hambledon Nursery and so please arrive by 11.15am if you wish to take part.



During the coming weeks we will be holding end of year consultations. Lists will be put up in reception for you to book an appointment. These consultations will be limited in time to discuss a summary of your child's development this term. If you have any concerns regarding your child that you think may require a longer appointment, please speak to your key person. We will endeavour to meet all needs regarding appointment times, and urge you to speak to a member of staff if you are unable to attend at the designated times.

Blue room – Week commencing 17th June

Red room – Weeks commencing 24th June and 1st July

## LAST DAY OF TERM FRIDAY 19TH JULY 2016

On the last day of term we will be having a picnic in the garden at 10.30am. Children who attend on a Friday will arrive as normal with all parents other families being invited to join us from 10.30am. This is a lovely end to the term and for many children and their families this occasion marks the end of their time with us at Hambledon Nursery. We hope to see you all there if you can make it.

## LEAVERS SERVICE

To celebrate your time at Hambledon Nursery School and to mark the next steps of moving onto school. We invite the parents of those children leaving to join us for a leavers Service at Hambledon Church. The nursery enjoys close links with St Peters Church and David Jenkins, the Busbridge and Hambledon church Assistant Vicar and congregations' leader will be supporting our service. The Leavers service will be on Thursday 18th July at 11.30am. So again there will be a normal session for those children who attend on a Thursday. We will leave the nursery at 11.00am to walk up to the church for a service at 11.30am. We will return to the Nursery at approximately 12.15pm. All children and families of those children leaving at the end of the summer term are warmly welcome for what will be I am sure an emotional service. I do apologise, but due to the size of the church, we will have to limit the service to those families who have children leaving. There will be staff remaining at the nursery to lead a normal session for those children not joining in this year.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd June	Back to Nursery
5th June	Individual Photographs from 9am/whole group at 11.30am
17th June	Blue Room Consultations (all wk)
24th June	Red Room Consultations (all wk)
1st July	Red Room Consultations (all wk)
12th July	Blue room visits the Red room ahead of autumn term transition
18th July	School leavers Church Service 11.30am
19th July	End of Term picnic 10.30 – 12.30 & End of Term

## FINAL WORDS

For your information the last week of term is packed full day by day with special end of term events. We do hold two fun and low key Sports Day sessions on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th of July. We keep this as an enhanced ordinary nursery session, with the children and staff from the Blue room and Red room who attend on a Monday and Tuesday supporting and cheering each other on. There is in addition to this a special enhanced session planned for Wednesday 17th July, when we will be creating 'Hambledon by the Sea' in both rooms, complete with real sand on the floor, buckets and spades to make sand castles and Dylan's ice-cream van making an appearance. There will be special events every day within the last week of term with Thursday's leavers' service and Friday's family picnic, so every child will experience the fun and excitement of the end of term in one way or another.

Further information about the above events will be made available through letters and will be signposted within reception nearer the time, but should you require any further information on any of the points mentioned in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest Regards

Kate Walford

