



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to what is quite unbelievably the final half term of this academic year. I trust that you enjoyed your half term break and any Platinum Jubilee celebrations that you might have had the opportunity to take part in.

How time has flown, especially for those children leaving us in July to start school in September. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to over the next six weeks, including end of term seaside themed fun empty classroom sessions, P.E sessions in the afternoon in the red room and then of course the leavers service and the end of term 'Teddy Bears' Picnic.

We have 32 nursery school leavers this year, some children moving onto school or to new nursery settings, so there is lots of preparation required to ensure a smooth transition for all. We have had confirmation of many dates in the second half of the summer term for reception class teachers to visit the nursery and meet with children moving into their classes in September and many more will follow. You will be notified when a visit has been confirmed in the diary, just so that you can talk to your child following the visit and be made aware of when they take place.



## ORDERING PHOTOGRAPHS

As you will be aware, we held our individual and group photograph day on Tuesday 17th May and we hope to be able to send home your children's proof cards as soon as we receive them from Amy Blackwood, our photographer. Once you receive these, please use the link that you will be provided with to place your orders using the unique url printed on your individual proof card. You will be informed when the galleries are set to close in order to place your orders in advance of the deadline.

Please note that the group photograph will be shared via a separate link and password, should anyone wish to order the whole nursery photograph as a keepsake of your child's time at Hambledon Nursery School.

So watch this space...updates on ordering photographs to follow very soon.

## CAR PARKING

Please be patient and remember that the summer term is a really difficult one in terms of the parking that we have available at the nursery. Never fret about being late, we don't do 'late' here at nursery and the front door will always be answered when you ring the bell on your arrival. At collection times, we encourage you to catch up with staff members and have an update about your child's session as appropriate. However, please remember that your space in the car park is needed for another parent and in this regard do make efforts to return to your car as promptly as possible. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

## EMPTY CLASSROOM SESSIONS

Your child may have already been chatting to you about our 'Empty Classroom' sessions that have happened so far this term. These enhanced sessions have included den building, campfire cooking and large scale art work. 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.

Please make certain to provide boots or clogs for these sessions and all outdoor play. We do roll and splash in water...mud and sand and so being able to change out of indoor shoes remains important year round, even in warmer and drier weather. Please note however, that in especially hot weather we will be encouraging children to simply wear their casual indoor shoes outside, provided that they are suitable and closed toe. This is to avoid having uncomfortably sweaty feet in wellie boots.

Please note to check that your child's boots fit well and do not have holes or tears in them as you return from the half term break. Please provide a light weight set of waterproofs to support water play and any outdoor sessions also.



### HOT WEATHER

May I remind you to apply one a day application sun cream to your child prior to their session during the second half of the summer term and ensure that summer footwear is suitable for running/climbing activities. Children should have a named sun hat which can be left on their peg during this summer half term. 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 and furthermore we cannot apply sun cream in accordance with our safeguarding policies.

Shade is available outside and staff members will be keeping close watch over children during hot weather conditions, with water easily available both indoors and out at all times.

### P.E . SESSIONS

A reminder to please return the tote P.E bags which were sent home to be filled at the end of last half term. Physical Development sessions will take place once a week in the afternoons in red room 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 always on hand to help your children manage this task as independently as possible and the sessions will be active and above all fun and enjoyable, involving ball skills, running games, obstacle courses, activity stations and movement and music.

## ROLE PLAY AREA

We have two new summer themed role play areas for the children to enjoy this half term. In the blue room, there is a seaside café and shop and in the red room there is a tent and BBQ area. We shall be putting up a tent in the garden this half term, providing a small camp site with pretend fire and pots for cooking mud pies. If you are planning on going camping over the coming weeks, or visiting the seaside please do let the nursery know and share photographs so that we can build these experiences into your children's play and talk to them about their nights 'under the stars' or their experiences buying a net to explore the rock pools from the shop at the beach perhaps.

Additionally, if you do go on holiday during this half term, please send in a small selection of photographs upon your return so that we are able to share any news and prompt recall of events and chatter about those memorable experiences that will have been enjoyed.



## TRANSITION TO 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 dressing up area for children to use in their imaginary play. Some very welcome visits from reception class teachers from local schools are already in the diary as previously mentioned 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. 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'. The skills that children acquire during their time at Hambledon Nursery School are skills for life, building the foundations for future learning.

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' forms. This will be discussed during your parent consultations this half term where relevant.

If you require any further information about aspects of transition to school, practical top tips to be prepared, what to expect, advice or further guidance please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS



In this second half of the summer term, you will very soon be made aware of 'sign up' sheets for making an appointment to have a parent consultation with your child's key person. The blue room appointments will be made as soon as we return from the half term break. A reminder of your appointment date and time will be emailed to you prior to the consultation week.

Blue room consultations begin on Monday 13th June for just over one week.

Red room consultations begin on Thursday 23rd June and run just over two weeks, ending Friday 8th July.

During these 15 minute appointments there will be the opportunity to talk through any points you may wish to raise generally, or in relation to the detail within your child's 'Two Year Progress check' or 'summative' or 'transition' report, that you will receive prior to the meeting itself. There will be the chance to contribute to your child's 'Moving to School' passport form too. If you wish to look at your child's profile, this will be offered just outside of the meeting itself to allow sufficient time to talk during the meeting. (Nursery leavers will bring their completed learning journals or profiles home at the end of this term as they leave the nursery, they make a wonderful record of their time at Hambledon Nursery School....so you may prefer just to wait until then!).

## END OF TERM EVENTS



The last week of term is packed full day by day with special end of term events. We hold two fun and very low key Sports Day sessions on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th 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 rather than inviting parents. Experience has shown that often young children tend to enjoy taking part when it is part of their ordinary session, whereas they might otherwise be a bit 'wobble' when they can see their parents. They often cope best with this once they have started school.

During this final week of term week, we will also be creating 'Hambledon by the Sea' outside, complete with a beach area and rockpools created, with buckets and spades to make sand castles and have ice creams. There will be also special events every day within the last week of term with Thursday's leavers' service and Friday's family picnic in this way every child will experience the fun and excitement of the end of term in one way or another.

## 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, which we hope to hold in the grounds, just behind the church if the weather permits. The Leavers service will be on Thursday 21st July at 11.30am. So 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. There will be staff remaining at the nursery to lead a normal session for those children not joining in this year.

# END OF TERM PICNIC

On the last day of term we will be having a picnic in the garden at 11.00am. Children who attend on a Friday will arrive as normal, with all parents other families being invited to join us from 11.00am. This is a lovely end to the term and for many children and their families as 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. Again, there will be staff remaining inside at the nursery to lead a normal session for any children not able to join in this year, but please note that everyone is warmly welcome to this end of term event. The family picnic is for all families, those remaining at the nursery and those who have nursery school leavers and marks the starts of the summer holidays for many children. Often a great chance to arrange to meet up throughout that period too. The picnic is set to end at 12.30pm at the end of the session, so that any parents needing to make an onward end of term school run, which is normally around 1pm, may do so.

THANK YOU



Following on from the joyful afternoon spent in the sunshine on Friday 27th May, when we held our Platinum Jubilee Picnic. I wanted to say a huge thank you for your support, both in terms of generous donations prior to the event and then in coming out in support of the nursery on the day. We have not quite gathered in the final collection, including the commemorative tea towels, but we have raised just under £700 pounds so far! Thank you and it was lovely to see so many extended families on the day enjoying the festivities. A special thank you to Jo Kirkland for creating a truly magical feel to the picnic, by performing songs that took us through the 7 decades of the queen's reign. A fabulous time was enjoyed by all.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th June	Return to Nursery for the second half of the summer term.
13th June	Blue Room Consultations (all week)
23rd June	Red Room Consultations begin
27th June	Red Room Consultations (all week)
8th July	Red Room Consultations end
15th July	Blue room movers up visit Red room for autumn term transition 9am-12.30pm
21st July	Nursery School leavers Service 11.30am at St Peter's Church
22nd July	End of Term picnic 11.00am – 12.30pm



Further information about the above events will be made available through email and letters, 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

