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We hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. This is our last half term of the academic year as we break up for the Summer on **Wednesday 20th July**.

Please note that our school will be used as a polling station again on Thursday 23rd June; however, we are able to open to the children. For that day only, our 2 year olds will join all the other children in the main nursery.

We will give parents of our 2 year olds more information closer to the time.

Ducklings

Daphne, Quackers, Flappy, Oakley and Billy have now left us. This was a wonderful experience with lots of learning for children and staff. It was thanks to your generous school fund donations that we were able to work with **Krafty Kritters** who provided us with everything we needed and gave us lots of good advice and reassurance.

Billy (yellow) was the only one of 9 eggs to hatch at his school... we introduced him to our ducklings so that he would manage better when the time came for them all to go to the farm.











Stay and Play

Our Special Ladies Day back in March was so popular that we just had to organise a little something for our Special Men... Dads, Step Dads, Grandads, Uncles (or anyone else who is special to your child) are warmly invited to our event on **Wednesday 15th June**. (9-10am or 2-3pm) **Please sign up by Friday 10th June** if you would like to attend as we will need to buy resources for your activity.

Working with partners in the local community

Last month our 2 year old children visited Harry's Farm in Ramshaw, just up the road. The children really enjoyed the experience... some of our quieter children really came out of their shells, taking full advantage of the opportunities - it was wonderful for us to see.

This month Des and Tamsin from Woodhouse Close Children's Centre will be back for some storytelling sessions from 2pm - 3pm on Fridays 10th June, 17th June, 24th June and 1st July. You are very welcome to come along and join us.

Woodhouse Close library are hosting our photography exhibition... more details over the page.



We have no new children joining us this month - Summer will be moving up to our 3s provision; exciting times ahead!



The following children will be celebrating their birthdays this month. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Jamie, Keira, Jay, Lily and Payton who will all be turning 4 years old.

Summer, Ruby and Romano will be 3 years old.

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On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your donations to school fund last month. You paid for the children's healthy daily snacks and items to make over our outdoor area on gardening day. (see below)



Stay and Play session

Our children and staff have made a big 'to do' list... our next 'Stay and Play' session will be a gardening day and will take place on Friday 17th June. Children who do not normally attend on a Friday are welcome to bring along an adult and join in the fun! (9.15am - 11.15am and 12.45pm - 1.45pm) If you have anything at all that you think we could use, please do not hesitate to bring it (along with your green fingers!)

Your child's safety is very important to us...

Please avoid driving down the approach to the school as this puts other children and parents at risk.

(We have an agreement in place for you to use the Aclet Public House car park)

Thank you for your continuing support.

Photography project

The dates of our mini photography project exhibition will be extended and will now run until **Thursday 9**th **June** at Woodhouse Close library. (They are open on a Saturday morning and on Mondays and Thursdays) Our 'camera club' has now been planned and the first group of children will take part in the next few weeks.

WISH LIST

Staff would like to collate some collections of items that will stimulate the children's thinking and talking skills. Do you have any of the following items (the more unusual the better) that you would be happy to donate please?

• spoons, hearts or stars

Also:

- newspapers, boxes and any unwanted crafty bits for our junk modelling/creative area
- empty tomato/brown sauce bottles (cleaned)
- pushchairs for dolls

Dates for your diary

- Special Men's Day is on **Wednesday 15**th **June**.
- Our Summer Fayre will be on **Thursday 7th July from 2pm 4pm**.
- Primary School transition days will be on 13th,
 14th and 15th July.
- Graduation for children starting Primary School in September will be on our last day, Wednesday 20th July. Times to be confirmed.
- We break up for the Summer on Wednesday
 20th July. We return on Tuesday 6th
 September. (Training Day on Monday 5th)

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Cllr Lethbridge has worked with Mrs Jenkins on our new website and on safeguarding matters.

Mrs Evans has worked with Mrs Jenkins to document how we provide opportunities to develop the children's Social, Moral, Cultural and Social (SMCS) development.

Governors have appointed a new administration officer - Mrs Sharon Buttle will take up her post with us from July. Mrs Melanie Slater will work with us until then.



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