

Farewell and Thank you

July 2021

It is hard to believe that I am already writing the final newsletter this school year.

I know the next two weeks will pass very quickly as we approach the end of the school year, but we still have some exciting events and experiences for the children this term. It has been a strange year in lots of ways due to the pandemic, however the children have been so resilient and have not known anything was different and so I am confident they have had a really positive year.

We will be sending out the link for you to download from Tapestry your child's learning journal and classroom staff will finish all observations as of Friday 9th July. If your child attends all year round the ladybird team will continue to update over the summer. The class teachers were busy over the half term writing reports. I hope you find them informative and enjoyable to read, when you receive them on Friday 16th July.

A reminder, we have the mobile farm at school on Thursday 22nd July all day – we kindly ask for a donation of £5.00. Please pop any donations into the office, many thanks.

The last day of term is Thursday 22nd July and Friday 23rd is a full closure day as it is an INSET day.

The guidance for school has been updated by the DFE from Step 4 on 19th July, however Kingston have asked all schools to continue with the current guidance until the end of term. The school will no longer be contacting you regarding test and trace over the summer break, and from Monday 16th August ALL under 18's will no longer have to isolate unless they have a positive test result.

This is an exciting time of year for you and your children as they get ready to move on to the next stage of their education. Many of you attended our Transition Workshop online and I hope you found it helpful, there are some top tips on our website plus the video we made last year for children moving on to their new schools. I feel sure that the children's experiences at the nursery will help to make their transition to their new school a happy one.

It is always a rather sad time for us as we have to say 'Goodbye' to so many children and families and I hope that you have enjoyed your time with us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the help and support you have given in so many different ways throughout the year – I will be sending out a survey similar to the one you completed in the Autumn Term as we can always improve.

We are also saying goodbye to two incredible members of staff. Olatz is moving onto an exciting new role as a teacher in Wimbledon. We feel so lucky that we were able to keep her for the rest of the school year and wish her the very best in her new role. Gabi is also leaving us after 12 years as a member of staff here. We wish her the very best with her plans as she is taking a break from education next year. They have both made many contributions to this nursery and will be missed by families and colleagues dearly.

May I take this opportunity to say a personal thank you to you all for your lovely comments about our nursery and wonderful staff. It has been a delight getting to know you and your children. I wish you all good health, success and happiness in the future and hope you all enjoy a happy and peaceful summer break.

Kind regards and all the best for the summer

Esther



Community News

Summer Support for Families

<https://www.kingstonheritage.org.uk/homepage/30/thumbs-up-its-Thursday>

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/news/article/105/fuel-new-holiday-activities-and-food-programme-for-children-in-kingston>

https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/local_offer

<https://welcarekingston.org.uk/our-projects/parents-place/holiday-activities/>



Library

We are pleased that many of you are choosing library books with your child to enjoy together at home. You might like to celebrate your time here by donating a book to the library. We are able to add a label to the inside cover for you or you might like to write a special message inside. This will help our library to continue to be well stocked with a wide variety of books. Please also ensure all library books are returned by the end of term. Thank you



Lost Property/Returning Uniform

Please check the lost property basket for any lost items.

Any remaining items will be disposed of at the end of term. If you would like to donate any of your school sweatshirts and T-shirts please drop them off in the office.

Thank you

Diary Dates

July 2021

Friday 9th July –Tapestry updates finish

Friday 16th July – reports go home to families

Thursday 22nd July - Mobile Farm visit & last day of term

Friday 23rd July - INSET day Full school closure

Extended Daycare (July – August)

Friday 23rd July - closed to all children

Monday 26th July – Summer care starts this week for children attending on an All Year contract and will be based in The Den

**Monday 16th August - Friday 27th August
Whole school closure for summer break**

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021 School term begins –INSET day

Thursday 2nd September – Return to school for extended day children

Monday 6th September – New children start - phased over 2 weeks
