



# NURSERY NEWS

JUNE/JULY 2019

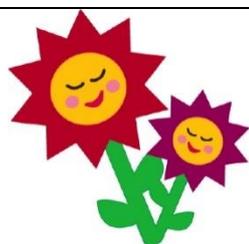
We hope that those of you who had the half term holiday off had a good time. It hardly seems possible that we are now entering June and we are entering the last half term of this school year. The summer is always a busy time and has a tendency to go very quickly. For 23 of our families, it is also marking the end of an era for their children at Queen Mary's as they will be leaving us to go to school. We have several teachers from some of our feeder schools coming to visit the children here and we know that as the term progresses, they will be visiting their new schools. This is both very exciting and, for us, a little bit sad. We have had some of our nursery leavers in our care since they were babies and have had the privilege of sharing in their lives.

## TERM DATES

Parents of children in receipt of Early Education Funding who attend term-time only will be informed individual of their child's last day. Children who are NOT in receipt of Early Education Funding but who also attend term-time only will finish for the summer on Tuesday 23 July.

**Please note that nursery will be closed on Friday 19 July for inset training.**

Nursery will be closed on Monday 26 August for the August Bank Holiday



**RUSHMOOR IN BLOOM** – Sarah, Victoria and the children have been working really hard to create our entries for this year's Rushmoor in Bloom. Our Moth, Bee and Butterfly pot is blossoming and we have tomatoes, broccoli, strawberries, beans, potatoes and lots of herbs growing in our new edible patch. Please do walk through the gate leading to the baby unit and see how everything is growing. With luck, we may be able to set up a mini vegetable stall later on in the summer and you can come and collect some produce (for a small donation). The children have also been very busy making scarecrows, bees, butterflies and other types of insect life to decorate pots of vegetables and flowers. We have some fantastic artists at Queen Mary's so, please do spend a few minutes and see what everyone has done.

**Judging takes place on Thursday 20 June – keep your fingers crossed!**

**Thank you to everyone who donated seeds, bamboo canes etc. We are very grateful**

## STAFF NEWS

We have recently welcomed a new member of staff to our baby unit and welcomed back another member of staff who has been on long-term sick leave. We have also filled the vacancy we had for a kitchen assistant.

We are currently looking for some new staff to join our fantastic team, so if you know of someone who is looking for a wonderful job working with children, please pass on nursery's contact details. Nursery practitioner posts are full-time (Monday to Friday) all year round and staff work on a shift pattern between the hours of 7.30am and 6pm. Ideally, we are looking for qualified staff. We can promise lots of fun with no day ever being the same.

## Requests .....

Can you please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather? Some days are very warm and sunny, while others are rainy and wet (often extremely wet). Our children go outside everyday regardless of whether it is pouring with rain, cold or sunny. There are so many benefits of experiencing different weather conditions but it is far more pleasurable if you have wellington boots and a waterproof coat/jacket to wear when you go jumping in puddles or can cover your head with a sun hat to protect your skin when it is sunny. We are very happy for these things to be left at nursery so we are prepared for changes in the weather and can respond accordingly rather than having to hunt around nursery to find spare boots or hats. All in one waterproofs are a really good idea (for both babies and older children) if you have these at home.

Please remember also to send children to nursery in closed in shoes/trainers rather than open-toed sandals when the weather is good. This is on safety grounds. Children often play with large wooden blocks and a wooden block dropped on unprotected toes will hurt.

Please remember to check your child's bag on a daily basis to see if there are any wet clothes inside that need to be taken home.

Can you please take care when driving in and out of the car park? I have been made aware of a couple of near misses recently with other cars. Parents and children are also often walking in the car park and we do not want there to be an accident.

## Forthcoming Events

\*\*The photographer will be visiting nursery on 20 June 2019. Siblings are welcome.

\*\*International Mud Day is Saturday 29 June and we will be celebrating this at nursery on Monday 1 July – more details to follow but it will be a messy day so old clothes please.

\*\*Thursday 27 June – Hedgehogs Parents Evening. Please add your name to the list displayed outside Hedgehogs classroom

\*\*Squirrels staff are planning to hold parent consultations throughout the first week of July. Your child's key person will speak to you individually to arrange a convenient time for you both.

\*\*Wednesday 17 July – Graduation and Leaver's Picnic for those children in Squirrels who will be leaving this summer to start school.

\*\***Friday 19 July – Nursery Closure. Staff will be attending Safeguarding training.**

\*\***Friday 20 September – An afternoon of celebration. Our main nursery building was erected in 1919 and this year is therefore its 100 year birthday and we want to commemorate 100 years of nursery care and education. We hope that you will join us even if your child has left to start school. If you would like to be part of a working party to organise this event, please speak to Debbie. You would be very warmly welcomed.**

## We are looking for.....

\*\*The frame from a circular trampoline to turn into a den/hide for the garden. Do you have an old trampoline in your garden that is no longer used or perhaps your neighbour has one. We want to make a den/hide using the metal frame and some cam nets.

## How you can keep in touch with nursery

**Telephone: 01252 324042 (Main Office) 01252 318578 Baby Unit**

**Email: [queenmarys@aldershot-nurseries.com](mailto:queenmarys@aldershot-nurseries.com) or [find us on Facebook](#)**

**Website: [www.aldershot-garrisonpre-school settings](http://www.aldershot-garrisonpre-school settings)**



Find us on

**Facebook**

Have you joined our Facebook Group yet? If not, please send a friend request to Queen Mary's Nursery Aldershot. It is early days and we are still finding our way around this medium as a communication tool but you will find photos, news, requests and other information about the nursery on it as well as suggestions for things you might like to do at home with your child.

If Facebook isn't for you, can you please let us know if there is another way you would like to receive this information? You will be able to see some details by checking out Tapestry

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As always, if you have any ideas, comments or questions, please come and see me or send me an email at [debbienewbury@aldershot-nurseries.com](mailto:debbienewbury@aldershot-nurseries.com)