

# End of Summer Term 1 Newsletter



Summer Term 1 - Week Ending 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## End of Summer term 1!

Can you believe that we are heading towards the end of the academic year?

This half term both classes have been looking at Living and Growing. We have looked in detail at lifecycles of plants and animals. Learning about size, learning new language, gaining understanding of how we grow and how to take care of ourselves by eating healthily and exercising. We have also started growing fruit and vegetables in our garden and loved watching the transformation from day to day.



Graduation for all those leaving us will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Time to be confirmed.

## Last Week before half term

As the children start to feel the end of term approaching it is always nice to have extra fun activities to lighten the week. Here are the activities we have planned for the week

- Monday - Making salt dough creations
- Tuesday - Trip to Hitchin Market
- Wednesday - Cooking (Gluten free pasta salad)
- Thursday - Yoga / Movies and crafts
- Friday - Dress up day (anything that makes you happy!)

To support our next topic of journeys we will be covering a range of different types of journeys including transport, outings and life journeys.

Please send us a postcard if you are travelling over the half term holiday so we can discuss this.

## Our next topic is Journeys



## Important Dates

End of Summer term  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 12o'clock

New parents Transition  
Evening 20<sup>th</sup> June 7- 8.30

Summer Term 2  
Starts  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Home visits for new  
children  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Children start back in  
Caterpillar and Butterfly  
classes on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
September

## Summer Sun

We hope that summer is now on its way and would like to remind you to make sure your children arrive with suncream on and have spare bottles in their bags if they are staying all day. Sun hats are also essential in this hot weather.



## Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has been growing their beans in preparation for the sponsored bean grow. This will be finalised after we return from half term.

As mentioned this raises funds to be able to continue to keep our lovely setting fresh and exciting. We regularly update the garden area for the children with new flowers and plants and the setting are always finding new toys and equipment they would like to purchase for the children. This can only be done through fundraising and your generous donations.

## Bags-to-School

Our last bags to school collection raised £20.00. Thank you to everyone who brought in bags to be donated.

## Trip to Shuttleworth collections and gardens.

I have been looking at options for the end of year trip. This year we shall be visiting Shuttleworth. For any of you who have not had the opportunity to visit here before, it is a beautiful day out. There is a woodland sculpture trail, a collection of vintage aircraft (to tie up our last topic of journeys) gardens, parkland and a huge playground.

We are looking at visiting Shuttleworth on Monday the 17th July. This would be a whole setting event with parents responsible for their own children and staff accompanying our families in a social capacity.

As there are no rail links parents will have to make their own way there. There are a couple of parents who do not drive. Please let me know if you are able to take another child and parent with you.

The day will be free flow around the beautiful grounds although it would be great if we could meet for lunch together. I am sure we will find each other in the playground during the day!

The opening hours are from 10am and it should not take longer than 20 minutes to drive there from Hitchin. I would recommend looking to return to Hitchin by 2.30 in time for school pick ups. However, you are free to stay for as long as you like and make the most of the day.



## School readiness and next big steps

As we approach the second part of the summer term, we will be thinking more about moving to our new schools or classes. Children will also start to be talking about the new schools and we will be welcoming reception teachers from local primary schools to visit. Transition Day for Hertfordshire is **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** and Samuel Lucas have informed me that there will be picnics on the 4/5<sup>th</sup> July to meet teachers and read stories. Please do let either myself or your child's key person know when your slots have been allocated for these days so we know when your children will be absent from this setting. This could possibly allow children moving up to the Butterfly class a little time to explore their new classroom.