

## July 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are ecstatic with returning to nursery and welcoming most of you back. It is a little strange with the new procedures and some of the routines and tasks we cannot complete. The children are coping and adapting well, we cannot ask anymore from them. They are truly resilient and each of them a little super star.

For a few of you, the summer term is incredibly short and the holidays begin 22<sup>nd</sup> July. At least you had a couple of weeks of normal routine. We will look forward to the Autumn term.

For families that are due to start school in September, transition has looked very different this year. I am glad to hear that schools have been in contact with you and home visits have taken place. We have not been in the "loop" this year and not aware of any schools transition plans. Due to the children not being present for the last few months we cannot complete transition documents and due to the schools having added pressure they are not required.

As discussed, the children have not been in attendance, our parent/carer consultations which usually take place now, are cancelled. If you have a Two Year Check due in the next couple of months, meetings will be arranged at the time. If any of you have anything you would particularly like to share or have any concerns, please see Donna.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions and the time we are experiencing, we cannot hold our annual Outing. This is such a shame as it is potentially the time we say "goodbye" to the families that are starting school. For these families, could you please let us know your final session date and we can plan something lovely for these final days. Our Christmas Party plans are also on hold as we are unsure if we will be able to hold or not. We will of course plan something for the children to celebrate. We will keep you posted.

NDNA has asked us to share a quote with you and social media-

"Don't underestimate the power of early years. It's disgraceful that Govt has excluded U5s from its education "catch up" £1bn plan. Let's show our strength of feeling & speak as a united voice. Please tag Vicky Ford, Gavin Williamson, the PM, shadow minister Tulip Siddiq and your local MP".

Thank you to each and every one of you, for your continued support through this unprecedented time. We live in hope of "normal" times and childcare and education can return to what it once was.

Kindest regards

*Donna and Nursery Team.*

