



# Redhill Day Nursery

## May/June 2017 Newsletter



Welcome to our nursery newsletter for May and June 2017.

We have had a jam-packed couple of months full of all kinds of fun and laughter. We hope you enjoy reading all about our nursery adventures....

### New beginnings and warm welcomes...



As many of you may have heard at the end of May we said a sad goodbye to Lesley from the Toddler room who has been part of the Redhill day nursery family for 5 years. Lesley has moved to Salisbury to live with her partner Tom, and she is embarking on a new career working with elderly people within the care industry. We will all miss Lesley and I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her the very best of luck for the future.

Victoria from the preschool room has been on maternity leave, having given birth to her beautiful daughter Emilia in September 2016. Victoria has made the decision that she would like to spend as much time with Emilia as possible and to allow for this she won't be returning to work with us at Redhill. So, we are saying goodbye to Victoria as well, but she is still very much a part of the Redhill family and we still have visits from her and her little lady on a regular basis. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her and her lovely little family the very best of luck for the future.



With Lesley leaving a position within the Toddler room became available. We are very pleased to say that Jordan has decided to join the Redhill day nursery family on a full-time basis. Jordan first came to Redhill as a student while she was studying for her childcare diploma, she then joined our supply team and now she is a fully fledged part of the team. We are very excited for her and I'm sure you will all join me in giving her a big warm welcome to Redhill.

## Creature Teachers....



June brought with it another exciting visit from the lovely ladies at Creature teachers. The children sat beautifully and listened to all of the interesting facts about the creatures on show. All of the children had the chance to hold the beautiful barn owl. They stood statue still and listened carefully to the instructions. The lovely creature teacher ladies also brought along two rats, and we had lots of fun watching them race along their obstacle course! We also had an appearance from a slow and steady tortoise, a millipede and a snake. The children showed amazing bravery in touching the creepy crawly creatures! We would like to say a huge thank you to the wonderful Creature teachers for another fun filled visit.







## Room updates...



One of the Babies favourite things to do is getting stuck into anything messy and exploring new textures. Recently they have really enjoyed exploring dry flour, sifting and pouring with cups and spoons. They adore getting stuck into shaving foam too, using their hands and bodies to explore the fluffy textures. They were also fascinated by the way the salad spinner moved the paint and glitter across the paper to create masterpieces!



With the warm weather gracing us they have loved cooling down with lots of water play, using jugs and bowls to scoop the water and watch it trickle out with lots of splashing too! The babies also had a whale of a time making homemade ice lollies with fruit and yoghurt. It's also been the perfect opportunity to get outside and explore the garden. They really enjoyed bringing all sorts of messy play outside, exploring the sand, blowing bubbles and whizzing down the slide!





The children in the Toddler room have had a real interest in hedgehogs recently. It stems from Sarah talking to the children about the little hedgehog that has made a home for itself in her garden. They have made hedgehog bread rolls with raisins for eyes, used paint and glue to create hedgehogs for the display, made their own clay hedgehogs and talked about hedgehog habitats and what they like to eat.



In keeping with the nature theme, the Toddlers have also been helping to plant sunflower seeds and a variety of vegetables down in the vegetable patch. Together with the ladies in the toddler room they have been talking about what seeds need to be able to grow.



Recently the children have been really interested in their reflections and how their features differ from their friends. The staff have built on this interest by encouraging them to look in a mirror and draw their reflection. They've also had lots of fun drawing around one of their friends and using it to decorate one of the display boards.

As always there have been lots of messy and mark making delights, where they have been able to get stuck in and explore lots of different textures and ways to create masterpieces.







The children in the preschool room have expressed a huge interest in minibeasts recently. The ladies in the preschool room have built on this interest with an array of different activities. They have been voting for their favourite mini beasts and plotting it all on a tally chart. They loved making mud mousse with worms (chocolate angel delight, crushed biscuits and jelly worms). They worked as a team to create a huge spider web with bamboo canes and wool. Along with making clay fossils, bug hunting, and lots of crafty activities there were almost too many mini beast activities to keep track of!



Lots of the children love stories and roleplay, so the staff combined the two and by asking lots of questions encouraged the pre-schoolers to create their own stories. This then got them to trade ideas, take turns, listen to each other and develop their imaginations further.

They also took full advantage of the little bit of rain that we have had, jumping and running through puddles (with a healthy dose of fairy liquid added in!) in their wet weather suits and wellies.



### Gate security...



As I'm sure you can all appreciate security for the children whilst they attend nursery is of utmost importance to us. We have had several occasions recently where the wooden gate at the nursery entrance has been left open. Can we please ask that all parents and carers close the gate when they come through it, whether they are coming into the nursery or leaving? We have taken steps to secure the gate including the use of all of the bolts and the carabiner clip, your continued support with this would be greatly appreciated.

### Updating contact details...

As I'm sure you can understand when your child/children are at nursery it is essential that we have the correct contact details for parents/carers and the nominated third contact for use in an emergency. With this in mind if any contact details have been changed could we please ask that they are updated as soon as possible. We do rely on the contact details that we have on file should we need to contact you in the event of illness or emergency, so your help with this is very much appreciated.



### 30 government funded hours...

As many of you may have heard, the 15hours per week government funding entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds is being increased to 30hours per week for many families. For us at Redhill it has now been confirmed that it will be commencing from September 2017. As eligibility is calculated on income etc it is something that has to be applied for by parents/carers rather than the nursery. I have sent an email out to all preschool parents explaining more about the application process. **Even if your child attends for one full day or two half days, if you are eligible this could also make a huge difference to your nursery fees as you could increase your child's sessions for next to no extra fees. Eg. If your child currently attends one full day a week, you could increase their sessions to two full days a week with a total weekly cost of £7.60. We do have some limited availability for a Monday afternoon, Tuesday full day, Thursday morning and Friday afternoon from September 2017.** If you have any queries or would like more information please don't hesitate to ask either myself or our Accounts and Finance Manager Sheila.

### School leavers...

That time of year is approaching again where we prepare to say a fond farewell to our big children as they leave to go to school. If your child doesn't start school until mid-September and you need child care for that period please do ask, as we would love to help out wherever we can. Please could I also ask all parents/carers of children leaving for school to email confirming what date their last day will be.

## Referral reward and availability...

Don't forget our 'referral reward' is to simply say thank you to those parents who recommend friends and colleagues to Redhill Day Nursery. The Nursery is filling up fast and the availability won't last long. If you know anybody who would be interested in a place with us then please encourage them to contact us ASAP to avoid disappointment.

**Baby room availability** - we currently have some availability on a Tuesday and Friday morning. Then from September 2017 we then have availability throughout the week.

**Toddler room availability** - From August we do have limited availability throughout the whole week, apart from a Wednesday afternoon.

**Preschool room availability** - As above we have had some limited spaces become available. So if you are looking at increasing your child's sessions in the near future please don't hesitate to come and see me, as we would love to help wherever we can. **I also refer to any parents that are thinking of applying for the 30hour entitlement, please do come and see me if you are thinking of increasing your child's sessions as we would love to help wherever we can.**

## Drop off and Collection time...



Recently during the lunchtime periods, we have had several occasions where children have been picked up late from their morning sessions, or dropped off early for their afternoon sessions. As I'm sure you can appreciate we have staff to children ratio's that we must adhere to by law, and if these times overlap then these ratios are not being upheld. Of course, we understand that life gets in the way sometimes and emergencies happen, and we will accommodate wherever we can but it isn't something we can do all of the time. ***The morning session runs from 7.45am until 12.45pm and the afternoon sessions starts at 1pm and runs until 6pm.***

## Jump for Julia!....

One of our lovely parents from the baby room has taken on the epic challenge of sky diving for Julia's house! On the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, she will be jumping out of an aeroplane from a massive 13,000 feet. Any money raised will specifically be going towards funding a Julia's house nurse, which is a brilliant cause and one which is close to so many people's hearts. There is a collection box in the preschool room just as you come through the main entrance. Any donations to this amazing act of bravery for such a wonderful purpose would be greatly appreciated. Or alternatively you can help her raise money for this great cause by donating directly to her fundraising page <https://www.justgiving.com/Nicole->



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## Events for 2017

Month	Event	Date
August 2017	Preschool graduation party	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August - 10am-12pm
September 2017	Nursery photographer	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
October 2017	Annual pumpkin week	Week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
November 2017	Children in Need	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
December 2017	Preschool Nativity performances	TBC
	Christmas fayre	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December

**That's all for now,  
Maree, Lisa and the Redhill day nursery team**

