

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Nursery School

Some of us will be at the **Guildford Castle picnic** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1pm-4pm, do come and see us there.

As a staff team we have been looking at ways to **promote positive behaviour in children** and we thought you would like to know more of what we do. In the next few newsletters I will include some of the procedures we use here at GNSCC:

#### Promoting positive behaviour - guidance for staff

Key people will:

- Work closely with each key child, starting with the home visit and settling-in procedure, to help each child feel safe, secure, valued and feel that someone knows about them as a unique child.
- Be aware of and seek out children who don't approach them.
- Relate positively to each key child every day.
- Make time to listen to and take an interest in each child every day.

All staff will:

- Strive to be "emotionally attuned" to children, valuing and accepting their emotions e.g. "I can see you're sad about that, shall I help you for a moment" rather than "don't cry, you're a big girl now".
- Praise good behaviour "It was so kind of you to let him have a turn with the bike."
- Praise good efforts "I really like the way you tried so hard to cut that paper with the scissors."
- Show disapproval of the behaviour, not the child e.g. "That was a rude thing to do" not "You rude child".
- Model how to deal with and sort out difficult situations "No thank you, I don't want to play." "Please may I have a turn?"
- Show empathy towards children and each other e.g. "I understand you feel angry/sad/scared."

**Diddidance** are now at our Hazel Avenue site every Monday in term time 10-10:45am. £5.50 per child per session. Please see their website for more information: [www.diddidance.com](http://www.diddidance.com)

**At Hazel Avenue:** The butterflies have emerged from their chrysalis. We had 11 that we let out into the garden this week to great excitement! We have had a role play ice-cream shop outside using paper for cones, tissue paper as ice cream and cutting out paper to attach to sticks for lollies. The children have used bottle tops as money and really enjoyed using the tills, taking on the role of a customer or the shop keeper. Lots of maths going on in children's play – making price labels, counting out money, talking about the size of the ice cream cones, calculating how much ice cream they would like..... Who knew ice cream could be so educational!

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**York Road:** After all the wet weather that we have had the children have enjoyed hunting for snails in the garden. We have explored the trails that snails leave and the children have been using some fantastic vocabulary to describe what they see the snails doing. Alongside this they have also made their own Matisse snail pictures using different shaped pieces of card. Some wonderful snails have been made!

We are saying good bye to **Terri** (receptionist at Hazel Avenue) this week as she leaves us to pursue her studies at college. Thank you so much Terri for everything and good luck for the future.

The **September term** for term time only children will start on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm. Staff will be doing home visits for our new children on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September. All year round children can attend as usual from 8am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

For those of you not here in half term, have a lovely break. For those of you attending our holiday club and garden days, we look forward to seeing you.

#### **Important dates**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Inset day, Nursery and Children's Centre CLOSED

Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June inclusive

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-5pm Family picnic for children leaving Hazel Avenue nursery in HA garden

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-5pm Family picnic for children leaving York Road nursery in YR garden

#### **Children's Centre**

Our gardens will be open on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June on both sites 10am-2pm. Coffee morning at Hazel Avenue Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10.30am – 12 noon.

The child health clinics are running as normal next week, Hazel Avenue 10.30am-11.45am and York Road Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 9.30am-10.30am

Kind regards

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