



# Verwood Day Nursery Summer Newsletter



## Leavers party 2019



### Lots of bubbly fun!

Thank you to everyone that came along to this year's graduation party.

Each year we say a sad goodbye to lots of wonderful children and their families as they move on to their new 'big schools' and our party is a real celebration of how far each child has come since the day they joined us. Its also an chance for us to say thank you for giving us the opportunity to be part of their lives.

*Good luck at big school everyone.*



# Our 2019 Graduates



Oh the places you'll go,  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting,  
So ...get on your way!

--Dr. Seuss



## Sunflower competition

At this year's Easter egg hunt, everyone had the opportunity to plant a sunflower seed, to take home and water and care for and then enter our annual sunflower competition.

Well done to all those people that managed to keep their sunflower alive and upright in the wind.

Here are some photos of this year's entries



**Well done to this year's winner Carter!**

**A huge sunflower measuring 234cm overall.**



## What a busy summer we've had .....

Over the last few months we have enjoyed spending lots of time outside. The garden has flourished in the sunny weather and the children have helped to water and care for all our vegetables and then of course they have helped to harvest them too.



The children have also had lots of opportunities to cook using the seasonal fruit and vegetables.

Sarah and her cooking club made strawberry and raspberry milkshakes and orange and apricot loaf and in the Willow house the children made raspberry and chocolate cookies and courgette and carrot muffins with Jill.



We've enjoyed lots of bug hunts and time exploring the outdoors and one day we even measured everything outside too!



We've enjoyed lots of painting both inside and outside and using different things to make marks.



## In The Nest ...

We've had lots of new babies join us over the summer and the staff have been working hard to build relationships with the new children and their families. I would like to welcome everyone to the setting and hope you are all enjoying nursery life.

It's all been about physical skills and connecting in the baby room over the last few weeks. Making marks in sand to building towers, tracks for our trains and doing puzzles.



## Pumpkin carving competition Thursday 31st October



Open to all the families within the nursery and staff too! This year we have 3 categories –

**\* Children \* Parents \* Staff**

Pumpkins will be displayed in the nursery garden on Thursday 31st October and we will light them all at 4.30pm for everyone to see and find out this year's winners.

Come along and enjoy some pumpkin soup while you look at all the entries and choose your favourite.

### **PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS!**

Entries can be made from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> onwards but must be with us by midday Thursday 31st October to be included in the judging.



Our annual pumpkin carving competition is just around the corner. Once again, we will have 3 categories – Children, parents and staff. Each pumpkin will be judged on 'carving' skills.

Please join us at 4.30pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> to see the pumpkins alight and enjoy some of Danny's homemade pumpkin soup (made with the pumpkins grown by the children!)

If you would like to enter this year's competition, please bring your entry in during the week of the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. The closing day and time will be midday on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Good luck!

## **Summer term summaries**

The staff have been working very hard to complete summaries on all our children. For those who have recently joined us, you will receive a settling in summary and for all other children there is a summer term summary which will be published on Tapestry by the end of September.

This summary is written by your child's key person and provides details of all the clever things that your child/children have been up to over the last term and an idea of what we will be looking at next.

## Parents evenings

Once you have received your child's summary, you may wish to chat with their key person. We are offering the opportunity to do this as follows –

- Baby and toddler room parents (0-2 years) – week commencing the 14<sup>th</sup> October
- Apple and Plum room parents (2-4 years) – week commencing the 21<sup>st</sup> October

Appointments will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, so please email the nursery direct to book in a time slot.

## Current availability

In the Nest, our baby and toddler rooms we now have places available on all days throughout the week, however these are limited on some.

Downstairs for our 2,3 and 4-year-old children, we now have more places available as our older children have moved onto school, but these are limited on certain days.

**Don't forget our £100 referral reward. Just ask the other person making the enquiry or booking to mention your name**

## Lost property

We have a large collection of unclaimed and unnamed clothing that is currently being kept in the garage. If you are missing something, please speak to a member of staff who can show you where it is all being stored.

We cannot stress enough the importance of naming ALL your child's belongings. We recommend My Nametags who provide iron-on or sticker name tags. Their website address is – [www.MyNametags.com](http://www.MyNametags.com)



## Staffing update

As some of you will know we have sadly said goodbye to Lauren. She has taken up a very different role at Hertz in Verwood, allowing her to fit her hours around her young family. Lauren will be sadly missed by everyone, but we wish her all the best in her new role.

In October we will also be saying goodbye to Rudi. Rudi makes the drive to us every day from Parkstone and has managed to find a senior role closer to home. We'd like to thank Rudi for all she has done and wish her the best of luck in her new role too.

Lastly, a huge welcome to Paige who has joined the Plum room team. Paige has settled in so well and her smiley, bubbly personality has been a big hit with all the children in Plum room.

## Employee of the month – July and August

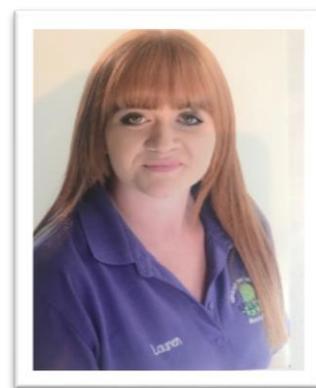
As well as our employee of the year award that recognises a member of staff who has consistently gone 'above and beyond' we have introduced an employee of the month award. This award acknowledges and recognises a member of staff who has planned, resourced and provided inspiring, fun and exciting activities to provoke learning and engagement.

### July's winner was Kaitie and August's winner was Lauren



Well done to Kaitie for winning this accolade for July. Kaitie has returned to us with a renewed enthusiasm and determination and it shows in everything she has implemented in Plum room and the plans that she has. Well done Kaitie.

Lauren was voted our August winner in recognition for the work she has done with our SEN children and an acknowledgement of the changes and impacts she has had on the children while she's been with us.



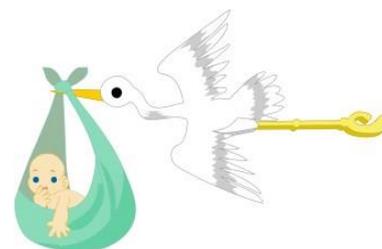
Well done to both ladies.

## Congratulations



Firstly, congratulations to Kaitie who is the newly appointed supervisor of the Plum room. We know she will be amazing!

Secondly, congratulations to Jade. She and her husband Andy are expecting their first baby in March of next year. All the practise in our baby and toddler unit will come in handy Jade!



## Coming up ...

- **Parents evenings**      **Baby room – week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Apple and Plum room – week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> October**
- **Pumpkin competition**      **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**



**Rachel, Craig and the Verwood Day Nursery team**

# Is your child 3 or 4 years old ?

If they were born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016,  
you must apply by 15 January 2020 for your child's school place.



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