

Newsletter – July 2019



Staff news:

Sally has retired. I want to say that it has been a pleasure to work with Sally for this short period of time, she has been such a great support to me and I know that I have found a friend for life!

A message from Sally: Working at Little Gryphons Nursery has been such a privilege. Being able to see the babies and children grow into such wonderful little people has been a joy. Thank you for all the lovely messages and good wishes for my retirement. I have every confidence that little Gryphons Nursery will go from strength to strength under the guiding hands of Shirelle.

A message from Eiron: After working for 14 years within a management role at Little Gryphons I am really excited to be moving in to my new role as, Early Years Development Manager for The Gryphon School and Sherborne Area Schools Trust (SAST). I will be responsible for working in partnership with setting leaders to ensure that we are working towards achieving best possible care, education, support and opportunities for the children and families in our care. Focussing on, **partnership working** and shared resources between SAST Early Years settings and **raising standards** across Early Years within the SAST, working with setting leaders to identify and implement future improvements for the setting.

What have we been up to:

Hopefully you have been accessing Tapestry and looking at the lovely activities that we have been doing. If not, here is a run down....

Water play, making dens, constructing houses inside and outside, mark making with chalk, using paintbrushes to paint the sheds, walls, decking, bikes, tractors –anything!

We have planted and tended to the tomatoes, peas, runner beans, Cornflowers, courgettes and talked about healthy food and growing vegetables.

We would like to grow more next year and will be putting in Garlic and some bulbs in September

We are learning sign language – please ask if you want to know how to support this.

Friends of Little Gryphon

Our first meeting for 2019 will be **Thursday 12th September** – time and venue to follow – we will ascertain interest, set up some roles and responsibilities and start to think about how we can work together to make Little Gryphons the very best it can be for the children first and foremost and for parents and staff.

“Play is the highest form of research.” Albert Einstein

Goodbye to the leavers

We have had a party and set up a ‘*Hopes and Dreams*’ board alongside conversations about moving on – we wish every single child all very best as they start their formal educational journey – we will miss them.

Could we ask parents of leavers to send us photographs of the children in their school uniform so that we can see how grown up they look please.

Dates for the diary

Summer Holidays - Nursery will close on **Friday 23rd August at 6pm** until **Tuesday 3rd September**

Parents Evenings - Woodland Parents meeting – **10th September** – Bees

2nd October – Ladybirds

FOLG – **Thursday 12th September**

CHRISTMAS PARTY – 20th December

Christmas closure 2019 - **Friday 20th December at 6pm** until **Thursday 2nd January 2020**