

# NurseryNews

News and information from The Rocking Horse Nursery, Stamford

Summer 2019

## Staying cool, having fun!

**WOW we've had some hot days!**

We are fortunate at The Rocking Horse Nursery to have large airy rooms with windows front and back to benefit from a nice through breeze. Our water play activities, including dips in the new paddling pool and the water sprinklers, help to make keeping cool great fun - with homemade fruity ice lollies served as tasty and refreshing treats!

Our specially created chilled out zones and staying indoors during the hottest part of the day also help when the temperatures are high, but please remember to provide your little one/s with a sunscreen hat so that they can stay sun safe.



## Summer Fundraising for Diabetes UK

**Thank you to all who came along to the Summer Fun Day, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and we raised a healthy amount for Diabetes UK.**

We chose to support this charity as we have been involved with diabetes over the last few years in testing, monitoring and administering medication to children who need it, when required.

Tina and Emily at the Summer Fun Day tombola stall.



## Off to school...

**It was party time again when the pre-school leavers had a sunshine extravaganza with a Hula Party to mark the end of their nursery time.**

30 children are leaving to start their next exciting phase when they join primary school in September. The last few years have flown by and it is always sad when the families say good bye to us.

We know all our pre-school leavers are ready and full of excitement to start school but a few tears are always shed this end as we wish them well in the years ahead.



Some of our pre-school leavers pictured before having fun at the Hula Party.

## Off to school...

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Along with the children we are also waving **Nikki** off. Nikki has been with us for 9½ years and in that time she has never given up on her dream of becoming a teacher. Over the last three years she has been working towards her teaching degree and now it's onto the last part with a year's practical. Nikki has an exciting time ahead with the final year of her qualifying coinciding with her getting married to Harry in October. We wish her and her new husband-to-be well!



## Staff news

Rachel



I hope that you have all got to meet **Rachel** by now, our not so new 'new' Manager. Rachel has been leading the RHN team for the last 6 months and has successfully settled in ready for full steam ahead in the new educational year.

Supporting Rachel is Marie, our Deputy Manager, and to add to this, **Sharon** has been promoted to take on the role of Assistant Deputy Manager. It's 6 years since Sharon first came to work at the nursery and in that time she has never shied away from anything that needs doing. Her commitment and her enthusiasm is contagious and we are thrilled to be able to promote her in recognition for her hard work.

## New Room Leaders

**Hannah** will be taking over the reins of the Pre-school Room. Over the past year, Hannah has been in the Pre-School Room and is all set to get the next year's group ready for school.

**Emily** has taken on the role of Toddler Room Leader. This is a busy room caring for inquisitive children who are 18 months plus. Emily's caring nature is perfect for this role and she always has time to give cuddles whilst creating stimulating learning for this energetic age group.

Sharon



Emily



## Forest School Leaders

In addition to their recent promotions within the nursery, **Sharon** and **Emily** are also in the final stages of completing the Forest School Leader qualification. Forest School sessions will be starting again in September but spaces are limited as the ratio is enhanced to ensure everyone gets access to tools and Forest time.

Sharon and Emily have a passion for the outdoors and love seeing the children benefit from learning in a natural environment and using their imagination in the woods that luckily are a few steps from the nursery base camp.



Prior to being painted and furnished - the nursery's new Literacy Hut.

## NEW Literacy Hut

A new building to enhance our outdoor learning facilities has been erected in the corner of our all-weather surface play area.

The Literacy Hut will enable us to make even more use of our fully enclosed garden during the autumn and winter months. The new double-glazed and thermally insulated timber building is an additional 'classroom' that provides a stimulating retreat for more creative activities such as painting, mark making, music and reading.

- The introduction of the new Literacy Hut will further support the 7 areas of learning of the Early years foundation stage (Eyfs).

## Holidays

If you have any holidays booked please remember to tell us so that we can keep our registers and ratios correct.

This helps us when planning our staff rotas and also means that we won't be trying to contact you while you're enjoying a well deserved break!

Hannah



Hydie



Emma



## The next level for Hannah, Hydie and Emma

We're really pleased that **Hannah** and **Hydie** are taking on the challenge to obtain their level 4 qualifications while **Emma** is signing up to complete her level 3. The girls' love of childcare and wanting to go above and beyond what is expected of them is driving them forward, along with their desire to offer the best possible childcare for your little ones.

