



# Summer Newsletter

July 2013

*A healthy opening to education, open hearts and open minds at Chelsea Open Air Nursery*

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer Term has been a busy and exciting one for the children and the team. I started as the new Head of Centre at the half term, and have had a wonderful welcome from everyone, thank you. We also welcomed back Michelle from maternity leave, who has been a brilliant addition to our team over the last few weeks of term.

We have enjoyed lots of great visits and learning opportunities during the summer term, including the Farm visit and Chicks, where the children had an opportunity to encounter the animals close up, meet their needs and learn to handle them with care and respect. This supported learning across the EYFS curriculum. In addition the children learnt about the life cycle of our beautiful butterflies. Through all of these experiences the children were able to develop subject specific language, such as 'pipping', 'egg tooth' and 'chrysalis'.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July we had an amazing Open Day; a big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who supported the day. With your help we raised a fantastic £1500!

Sadly our term is coming to an end and many of the children will be leaving to go on to a new school. We will be sad to say goodbye but we are excited for every one of the children and the new adventures that lie ahead!

We have a number of events planned to mark the end of the school year and wishing those leaving a fond farewell, supporting each child through the transition to primary school.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: a fun filled water day! As the weather is so amazing we will be having a water themed day, this will give an opportunity to explore the properties of water. Please bring your child in swim wear with a t-shirt.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Teddy Bears Leavers Picnic and a surprise guest! Please allow your child to choose and bring along a teddy bear for the day, any contribution towards the lunch will be greatly appreciated. All children are invited to spend the whole day at nursery. For more information please check the notice board by the entrance.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of term: At 10.30 parents are invited to join us for Leavers Sharing, a special celebration of all of the children's achievements at nursery. The school day starts at 9am for all children. The day will end at 11.25 for part time children and at 1pm for full time children.

Children's Centre News...

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July: a summer of fun begins at our Summer Club, running Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August; places can be booked in the office.

Dads Group: there will be no Dads group in August, but we will be back on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 10-12.

Stay and Play: there will be no Stay and Play on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July. From the week commencing the 29<sup>th</sup> July Stay and Play will run every Wednesday from 9.15 to 10.45. The sessions will return to normal from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Farewell...

We are very sad to be wishing farewell to two members of our staff team. Chris has worked at COA of over 10 years and is an asset to the nursery; sadly Chris will be leaving us at the end of this term to pursue a new role as a Nursery Officer in a reception class nearer to home. We are also very sad to say farewell to Michelle, a member of our team for 6 years and a very talented teacher. Following the birth of the beautiful baby George, Michelle has decided not to return to work full time and will be moving to Manchester to be close to her family.

We wish Chris and Michelle the best of luck, they will be greatly missed.

One last thing...

Before you leave you will be given a report of your children developmental achievements over the past year. Please make sure you allow time to read your child's report and sign it before you leave, your key worker will be able to guide you through it. You will also take away your child's profile, this is a treasured memory of their journey with us which you can keep and share together as a family. We also encourage you to share this with your child's new class teacher, as it gives a wonderful picture of your child and their learning, which will further support your child's transition into reception.

We also request that you return any resources to our library and take your child's belongings with you on your last day.

We wish you all a tremendous summer; let's hope the sun continues to shine!

Warm Regards,

Julie and the COA Team ☺