

## Term 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 5. I hope you have all enjoyed a good break over Easter!

## Easter Activities

### Easter Egg Roll



The children enjoyed performing their Easter songs and rhymes and rolling their eggs down the slope in the garden. We were very proud of all the children, as they performed their songs so beautifully.

### Coombe House



Some of the children visited the residents at Coombe House to share our Easter songs. This was so popular, that the children were taking 'requests', so ended up singing many traditional songs together with the residents too. The children then finished with a Christmas song – last year's songs remain incredibly popular!!

### **Chicks**



We also visited the newly-hatched chicks at school. The children all watched the chicks in the incubator before having an opportunity to stroke and hold them.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Last weekend's Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Farr for letting us use their beautiful garden, Jo Haywood for organising the event, all the parents who volunteered and of course, to everyone who attended.

### **Maths Research**

The children are enjoying participating in their maths activities with the researchers from Oxford University. This has now been extended to include most of our younger children too.

### **Starting School**

We will continue to support all the children in preparing them for school as the end of this year approaches. In particular, we will be supporting the children to be independent in dressing themselves and using the toilet *without* adult help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's keyperson.

The children will get the opportunity to visit their new schools – your child's school will be writing to you with further details. In addition, for those children who are going to Streatley, Mrs Skinner and I will be organising informal visits and activities over the coming months.

### **Wanted...**

We are looking for any unwanted kitchen utensils to use in the mud kitchen and also plastic water sprayers for plants. All donations gratefully received!

**Dates for your diary**

End of Term 5 – May 26<sup>th</sup>

Start of Term 6 – June 5<sup>th</sup>

Parents' Evening – July 4<sup>th</sup>

End of Term 6 – July 21<sup>st</sup>

**Finally**

As you will all be aware, I will be leaving Pre – School at the end of Term 6. Whilst I am looking forward to the challenges of my new role, I will be very sad to be leaving Streatley. I have had five very happy years here, during which I have had the privilege of working with wonderful children, families and staff. Thank you to everyone for their kind messages of support – I really appreciate them.

In the meantime, we are currently recruiting for a replacement – if you know anyone who may be interested, please let Clare, Laura or me know.

Best wishes,

Annie