



**Runner bean plants** – I hope our pre-school parents have seen the display of bean plants on the pre-school notice board. The winner of the tallest bean was Chloe with 1.9 meters and Charlie received a special prize for the plant to grow the first flower. The children received their prizes on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. Well done to everyone who took part. Please send us a photo when your plant grows a bean.



**Please send children in sensible shoes, shoes for running, climbing and adventure. No flip flops or crocs!**

**Sun safety – IMPORTANT**

Apply sun cream before coming to Sunbeams and send in a sunhat every day. T-shirts should cover your child's shoulders.

**Wet weather** – waterproof mac and wellies clearly labelled

**Water play** – we engage in lots of water play at Sunbeams, so it would be beneficial to have a change of clothes please in a labelled bag. Please leave this on the floor under the coat pegs.

**Please remember to label all clothing and items sent in.**

**Thank you** – Connor and Hollies grandad for repairing the family room and pre-school toilets.

**Leavers Graduation Party and Sports Day** - Thank you for the handful of parents who expressed their preference for our graduation sports day. Most parents want **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 10.30 – 12.30**. I'm sorry if this is not the best time for everyone but as the old saying goes; 'you can please some of the people some of the time but you can't please all of the people all of the time'.

**Food safety** – Just a reminder to put an ice pack or frozen yoghurt in your child's packed lunch during the hotter weather and please, please, please, cut up grapes, cherry tomatoes, olives and blue berries. These are a major choking hazard. Because of this if we see these items in your child's lunch box and they have not been at least cut in half length ways we will return them to your child's lunch box. I hope you understand our concern and will support us in this. To reassure you our staff members have trained in paediatric first aid but even with this knowledge it can be near impossible to dislodge a grape from a child's windpipe.

**IMPORTANT - Transition Reports** - We have been busy writing reports for children who are moving to school this summer. We hope all parents of school leavers will book an appointment to see their child's keyworker to discuss their child's transition report.

Over August parents will receive an email enabling them to download their children's learning journals. However, if you would prefer it on a memory/flash stick, please send in a stick and we will transfer the data on to it for you.

**Parent meetings** - These will be taking place week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, please see the board in the foyer with availability of the keyworkers. Please feel free to fill in any appointment time suitable.

**Class photos** - We have done our best to take photos of all the pre-school children on the days that they attend Sunbeams, please see the board in the foyer with proof photos and their reference numbers. There is a form attached to this newsletter for your use, please hand in by 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 so that the orders can be made ready for collection in the last week of term.

**Supertots** – 17<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 12noon – On the last Monday of this term Mrs Angela and Mrs Caroline will be providing activities while parents can meet Kirsten a nurser practitioner from Fordingbridge doctors. Kirsten will be talking about common childhood ailments. Supertots are celebrating the end of term with a bring and share lunch on 17<sup>th</sup> – please put your name down to bring a plate of food.

**Please confirm your child's sessions for September 2017.**

**Head Lice** – Please be vigilant so that your child’s head remains clear of these little pests. It is wise to check your child’s head with a nit comb weekly. I have some nit combs available if you need one – Angela

**Summer Raffle – A Grand Day Out** – please sell tickets for an opportunity to win a free day out. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, so winners can enjoy their day out over the school holidays. A list of prizes is available in the reception area and more tickets are available. Thank you to all the local attractions for donating prizes.

### **Pre-school learning**

Butterfly releasing picnic – This term we have been using the Very Hungry Caterpillar story to support the children’s learning. We have had 5 real caterpillars eating, growing and turning into cocoons. We would like to invite parents to a picnic on the school field to celebrate the release of the butterflies. However, hatching is not an exact science so we won’t book a date for the picnic just yet. When the butterflies have hatched we will put a date an invitation on the Alderholt Sunbeams and Supertots Facebook page, so now is the time to request joining the group page.

For parents of pre-school children, please find attached their golden rules stickers from the last half term. If you want a reminder of how and for what the stickers are rewarded please look at the posters on the parent’s board.

**Family room – Drink Cups/Bottles** - for hygiene reasons please make sure the cup we keep at Sunbeams is a simple to clean tippee style cup. Cups and bottles with a value or straw style lid grow mould and bacteria that is hard to see. We regularly sterilise the water containers left here but this cannot stop the build-up of mould in nooks and crannies that are hidden away.

**Things we need** – Washed yoghurt pots, cardboard rolls, plastic bottle tops, small boxes for modelling, wooden spoons and bath time books.

**30 Hours funding** – Sunbeams accepts children in receipt of the 30 hours funding. Please speak to Angela about this and she can tell you how to apply. Otherwise this site may help you <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> There will also be information about Tax Free Child care.

### **Illness management reminders for parents –**

Sunbeams has had a few cases of chicken pox this spring. Here is a reminder of what to do if your child catches chicken pox. They must stay away from nursery for 5 days after the appearance of the spots and it helps if the spots have dried up and are scabbed over before your child returns to Sunbeams. Chickenpox can take between 14-21 days to appear after having caught the infection and children are particularly infectious a couple of days before the spots appear. Spots will appear on the tummy and back and will soon form a recognisable blister.

The NHS website says, ‘Don’t use [anti-inflammatory painkillers](#), such as [ibuprofen](#), as they can sometimes make people with chickenpox very ill.’

**September bookings** – We are now taking bookings for September. Please tell your friends what a welcoming and helpful day nursery and preschool Sunbeams is. **Forest schools sessions will remain on Wednesdays and cooking sessions on Thursdays.** There have been a lot of babies born in the past year and Sunbeams is having more parents booking babies into Sunbeams. Due to the increased demand in baby spaces we at Sunbeams are planning a face lift of the baby area in the family room.

### **Dates for your diary -**

- Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> June – St. James Summer Fair – 11-2 pm – Sunbeams is running a Forest School stall
- Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of Summer term
- **SPORTS DAY and Leavers Graduation – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – SAVE THE DATE**
- **Sunbeams remains open through the school holidays**
- Sunbeams is closed for the week of Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> Aug and reopens Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> Aug.
- Sunbeams Annual General Meeting – Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. -
- Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fruits of the Forest Festival – Sunbeams big autumn event.