



## BrightSparks@StokeLodge

Welcome back, hope you had a good holiday and we are in our last term of this school year, where has the time gone!

### **Highlights for this term:-**

***We are busy preparing for those children leaving us for school and celebrating the summer time.***

**Transition to school** – for all our children leaving for primary school, all schools have been contacted and most teachers will come and visit the children within the setting.

**Room transitions** – for those children moving to new rooms in September, during the month of July they will spend some time exploring their new classrooms and garden areas and joining in with some of the activities.

**Parents afternoon - Squirrel room, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Hedgehog room, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - 12noon til 4pm for children leaving for school only.**

This is your opportunity to come and discuss your child's progress and view their transition report before we pass it on the relevant school. To book an appointment, please complete the slip below and return it as soon as possible. An email confirmation will be sent.

**Staff Update** – I regret to advise that Nikita who worked in our Rabbit room, is taking a break from working at Brightsparks. Her sessions and keychildren will be covered by our existing staff team.

### **Squirrel Room children.**

This term the Squirrels will be exploring Summertime. We will be looking at holidays, the beach, family trips, under the sea and having picnics.

To support these activities, children can bring in bucket & spades, swimwear & towel and holiday postcards and family trip pictures. Please ensure everything is **named** in order that we may return it.

**Leavers Party** - all squirrel children are invited to attend a party on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30 – 3.00pm. If your child does not usually attend on this day, please bring them to the front office for 1.30pm.

We will be asking for food donations and will put up a list nearer the time.

### **Hedgehog Room children.**

All children will be joining in with 'party week' for the last week of term. Please refer to Tapestry and the notice boards for more details nearer the time.

**Leavers Party** – Hedgehog children that are leaving us for school in September are invited to a party on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 3.00 – 4.00pm. If your child normally attends on this day, they will continue after the session but if it is not their normal day please bring them at 3pm.

We will be asking for food donations and will put up a list nearer the time.

**September 2017** – for all the children returning to us in September, please ensure you have booked your child's place. An information pack will be sent out in due course.

**Lunchboxes** – as the weather is now getting warmer please ensure your child's packed lunch box has a small ice pack within it to help keep the food fresh until lunchtime.

Can we remind you that your child's lunchbox should not contain sweets, chocolates or grapes and must be clearly labelled.

### **Holiday Club.**

Spaces are still available for the Summer Holidays. Please remember to book holiday club sessions via the front office.

**Important reminders** - if your child is absent from pre school, please ring to advise the reason why.

Please remember to apply suncream to your child before they arrive. We will then top up through the day.

Outdoor play – we do give the children the opportunity to choose whether they play indoors/outdoors even if its raining. Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing for this. Sun hats are required for outside play in hot, sunny weather.

Please remember to label everything clearly, hopefully then we can ensure everything goes back with the correct child! We do have a box of lost property in reception, please check through it.

A plea from all the staff – when buying your child’s next pair of shoes for preschool please can you pick a pair which your child may be able to do themselves. We are encouraging the children’s independence by finding their own shoes/coats and trying to put them on but some shoes are impossible for them to do, normally lace ups. Your help would be appreciated!

**Reminder – please remember to always consider the neighbours when parking at drop off and pick up time.**

**Term Dates**

Monday 5th June-Monday 24th July inclusive.

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**Squirrel Room - Parents afternoon - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Child’s name**

Please circle/highlight preferred times

<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
12noon-12.15pm	12.15pm-12.30pm
12.30pm-12.45pm	12.45pm-1pm
1pm-1.15pm	1.15pm-1.30pm
1.30pm-1.45pm	1.45pm-2pm
2pm-2.15pm	2.15pm-2.30pm
2.30pm-2.45pm	2.45pm-3pm
3pm-3.15pm	3.15pm-3.30pm
3.30pm-3.45pm	3.45pm-4pm

**Hedgehog room – Parents afternoon - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

**Child's name**

Please circle/highlight preferred times

<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
12noon-12.15pm	12.15pm-12.30pm
12.30pm-12.45pm	12.45pm-1pm
1pm-1.15pm	1.15pm-1.30pm
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Your appointment will be confirmed by email.