

## Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our August newsletter.

Firstly, we would like to welcome Hope who has joined us as a Nursery Nurse she will be based on our Little Toads room.



We would like to wish the best of luck to our preschoolers who are going to be embarking on their next big journey to school

## What's to come...

1st August – National Sandcastle Day, we want to see your wonderful creations, please feel free to take photos and send them to us for your children to talk about.

WC 10th August – We will be celebrating Animals, please send in photos of any pets or favorite animals your child has for them to talk about during circle time

In **Hedgehogs**, the children have been exploring a range of different water and messy play activities such as bubble play and ice; to help us all keep cool in the warm weather. The babies have also been helping us water our flowers in the garden and watching them grow. The babies are really enjoying song and story time, some of our current favourites are 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Wind the Bobbin Up'. We have been turning some of our favourite stories into tuff trays to explore.



**Owls and Little Toads** have been very busy in July. They have enjoyed lots of water play activities and time outside, making the most of the warmer weather. They have continued to water and look after the vegetables and flowers which they have planted during Forest School.

We have also started football lessons on Thursdays at lunchtime, which has been teaching the children different ball activities and skills. In **Owls**, the children have also been working on recognising their own name and trying to copy it as well as practising our scissor control.



# Parent Notices

## Tax free childcare

Could we please ask that families that pay through tax free childcare ensure that the payment is set up to reach us on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for the month ahead.

## Sun safety

As the warmer weather is upon us, can we please ask that all children are brought into nursery with a sun hat (named).

## Labelling clothes

Please can we ask and remind all parents that all items of their children's clothes including shoes are clearly labelled to avoid clothing items going missing.

## Green bags

Toad Hall have introduced reusable green bags which some of you may have seen attached to your child's bag, these moving forward will be our new laundry bags in replacement of the nappy sacks for any dirty clothing, we just ask that you take it home give it a wash and return it to nursery to be reused

## Social media

Did you know, you can find us on Instagram as well as our Facebook page? Please follow along to see the fun we have! [www.instagram.com/toadhallnursery](https://www.instagram.com/toadhallnursery)

# Dates for your diary

| Date                    | Event                                                                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug     | National Sandcastle Day (we will be celebrating on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> at nursery) |
| WC 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Animal Week                                                                        |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug    | August Bank Holiday Monday                                                         |

## Recipe of the Month

### Pea & Paneer Curry

#### Ingredients

- 300g paneer, cubed
- 500g peas (frozen)
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 200g tinned tomatoes
- 1.5 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tbsp mild curry powder
- 200ml coconut milk
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

#### Method

1. Heat oil in a large pot, sauté onions and garlic until soft.
2. Stir in curry powder and tomatoes; cook for 5 minutes.
3. Add coconut milk and bring to a gentle simmer.
4. Stir in peas and paneer, simmer for 10-15 minutes until heated through.
5. Serve with rice or naan.

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