

Welcome to this terms edition of Rise and Shines newsletter, this is the last edition for this year.

I would like to start with a BIG thank you to all our parents, carers, staff, students and volunteers for all your hard work and support over the last year. Rise and Shine has gone through many changes over the last year from building works to recruiting new members of staff. We have gone from strength to strength with your continued patience and support; from fundraising, themed events, bake sales and your general enthusiasm when participating in nursery initiatives.

Amidst all the excitement I can't believe how quick the year has gone. We will be saying goodbye to our Pre-School children. It has been an honour to have been able to support and give them the best start to their early education. The contribution they have made to the nursery over the last year has been amazing in so many different ways. We have seen them grow in confidence and independence each with their individual inquisitive character, ready to face the challenges of Reception classes and indeed the wider world. We feel very proud of each individual child, sadly we will be saying goodbye to them, but also looking forward to the return of our existing children and the new children who will join us in September ready to begin their own early years journey.

I would like to wish all our families and friends of Rise and Shine a restful summer. Stay safe and well during the holidays and we look forward to welcoming you all back to Nursery on Monday 7th September 2015!

Amna Yousaf  
Nursery Manager

## Secret Garden

The children have been busy taking care of the nursery garden, weed-ing out unwanted plants, daily watering their vegetables. The flowers have finally come into bloom making the garden look and smell lovely. Unfortunately we are still waiting for our vegetables to fully grow. The strawberries have grown but not ripen. The children have enjoyed their gardening experience at the nursery.



## Important Points:-

- ☺ **Reading Books:** Children must return all nursery reading books before the end of term.
- ☺ **Parent Consultations Meeting:** We will be holding parent consultation week commencing Mon 13 July. If you have not already made an appointment with your child's Key person please do so at reception.
- ☺ **Parents Notice Board:** A list of your child's Key Person along with any changes or information regarding the nursery will be displayed here. Please keep your eyes peeled!
- ☺ **End of year party:** The nursery will be organising a party for all the children on Monday 20th July. A food list will be displayed at reception for you to specify what items you can kindly donate for this last event of the term.
- ☺ **Outstanding Snack Money:** Please make payments asap.
- ☺ Please follow us on facebook for all our updates newsletter and initiatives and leave a review



- ☺ **Summer holiday starts:**

**Wednesday 22nd July 2015**

- ☺ **September start date:**

**Monday 7th September 2015**

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## Picnic In The Park

Rise and shine made their first debut at the Pre-school Alliance Annual Picnic In The Park on the 12 June this year. The good weather enabled them to have an excellent turnout of parent and carers with their little ones. The event was well organised and provided much required information about early years learning providers, health and social care for the 0-5year olds. We were very happy to see many of our children who joined us at our stall for a light picnic. We were also pleased to welcome new registration enquires for placements at the nursery by parents and cares who heard about our setting and its good conduct through yourselves. Your continuous support has been acknowledged year. A few snap shots of the busy day!



## Gullivers Land

Gullivers Land was a huge thumbs up with all the children and their adults. The day's weather was exceptionally good and because the park wasn't crowded with visitors we were all able to get on almost all the rides before our departure. Thank you to all our parents, carers and staff who accompanied the children and made it thoroughly enjoying.

## Soup Kitchen & Food Bank

As you maybe aware, there are many families in Luton living under the poverty line. Rise and shine joined two new initiatives last week in conjunction with other community providers to donate non perishable food items to the local food bank to support those families in need of this service. Once again you have kindly and enthusiastically supported the nursery and your children. Donating not just 1 item but bags of items, your generosity has been over whelming. We only have a few days left if you still wish to donate.



Donations for the soup kitchen are also being collected at reception. Rise and shine hopes to support the soup kitchen on one Friday of this month. To provide a hot meal for those who are not able to have one. Every contribution counts and every donation makes a difference. Coppers and coins welcomed!

## Trip to the Local Mosque

As part of the EYFS Understanding the World. The last few weeks the children have been visiting the local mosques in small groups. The Imam (mosque leader) kindly showed the children around different parts of the mosque and spent time talking about some of the items you might find there and what activities take place in a mosque. The children really enjoyed their short trip, some of our children were able to explain how their own parents visit and pray at the mosque. Below are some pictures of our visit.

