

# Sunbeams Newsletter 17



**FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

## Latest News

**Terrific Transport:** We kicked off our new topic by learning about vehicles that use the road. As the topic progresses we will learn about different types of transport including boats, trains, planes, and transport of the future. During this term we hope to have a number of visitors who can talk about how their job involves working with vehicles. If you know of anybody who drives a bus, train, police car or ambulance, who would be prepared to talk to our children about their job, please let one of our team know.

**Big School:** Transition programs are now well underway for children due to start Primary school in September 2024.

We are preparing children as much as possible for this in Sunbeams through discussion, role play and stories. If your child is going to be absent from nursery, visiting their new school please let us know in advance.

If you would like any more support with transition the School Nursing team is offering free virtual events on school readiness and early toileting for parents and carers this summer, please see link below. You can also find helpful tips on there for other parenting issues including bedwetting and understanding teenage relationships.

<https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/news/school-nursing-team-spring-2024-update>

**Sunbeams Graduation Ceremony:** We are planning to have a Graduation ceremony and party in the final week of term to celebrate those who achieved so much this year and are leaving to move onto big school. This will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. The children who do the 15 hours at the beginning of the week will be invited to come back at 2pm to take part.

**Fathers day 16<sup>th</sup> June:** The children will be making cards for a special male role model in their lives. FOSS have also organised a gift stall on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June, please see flyer attached.

## Important Dates

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June INSET day school closed**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - MUFTI (bottle for the Summer Fair)**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - MUFTI (sweets for Black Cherry Fair)**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Sunbeams Graduation**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of Summer term finish at 1pm**

## Fortnightly Phonics

**ch and ng**

What phoneme (sound) do these make? Can you hear these phonemes in someone's name you know?

## MATHS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Directions & routes, ordinal numbers

## Books and Rhymes

*How We Get Around/Thomas' Bad Day*

*Maisy Goes on an Aeroplane*

*Down at the station*

*I'm a little Aeroplane.*

## Messages

**Tapestry:** The next few weeks can be a bit chaotic with transition programs, holidays and assessments. As a result our weekly Tapestry entries will cease. Instead, you will receive a weekly memo notifying you of the book, rhyme and phonics of week. We will still keep you up to date with exciting events that may take place.

## Home learning / Parent's tips

Using small tools

Try to encourage your child to use small tools such as scissors to cut paper or use cutlery to cut and eat food

This supports children's independence and self-care (especially in readiness for big school) Please give your child the time and opportunity to cut up their food. Try different types of food and techniques e.g. twisting spaghetti!

*Development Matters 23*

*'Start eating independently and learning how to use a knife and fork' 0-3 yrs  
3-4yrs Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.*

## Where to find information.

Please use our website to find out key dates, including term times and INSET days

<https://www.stepgateschool.co.uk>

Who to contact:

To report absence, late pick up or collection information or other urgent information.) [office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk)

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