



Dear Owlet Families,

We have had such a wonderful 2 weeks welcoming our new Owlets as well as the excitement of seeing our returning Owlets too. The children have been exploring the new provision and building warming relationships with the Owlets team. They have built many imaginative creations with lego, junk modelling and polygons, as well as imaginative play in the kitchen and caring for the pets in their vet's role play zone. We have seen some adventurous climbing and jumping with the soft play, creating many giggles, shrieks and belly-laughter alongside some very tasty treats baked in the mud kitchen!

The return of the Snack Cafe has certainly been a success with the children. With many delights on offer, from cucumbers to grapes, melons and strawberries. We have offered over 12 different pieces of fruit or vegetables to try, touch, look at and explore. Sometimes the first step to tasting a new food, is to see it, before touching it, to lick it before trying to bite it. Therefore, we are continuing to promote positive relationships with food and healthy options, offering reassurance that it is ok to take small steps for new experiences. This mind-set is a continuous theme across Owlets in order to support your child through their Early Development.

With the start of term being such a busy and eventful time, please can I share some gentle reminders to assist in your child's independence and extended enjoyment with us. It would be very helpful that your child's day bag contains named spare clothing as we often enjoy messy play, as well as for those occasional toileting incidents. We are supporting the children with independent access to water throughout their sessions, and a named drinks bottle greatly assists with this. The children have been actively placing their own drinks bottle in the dedicated basket, and drinking at their need throughout the day.

Next week we will be sharing with you your child/ren's Key Person and further information on how we use Tapestry to share with you your child's activities and adventures with us. If you have not already, please may you complete the Tapestry permission form and return it to us ASAP.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember we are **CLOSED on Monday 19th September** for the additional Bank Holiday, and we look forward to seeing all our Owlets again from Tuesday 20th September.

Best wishes,

Miss D Singleton
Owlets Manager