



# Caterpillar Newsletter - July 2023

As we move towards the end of term, may we thank all our Caterpillar families for their care and support throughout the year. We would especially like to thank those Caterpillar families of children who are leaving us to begin their next learning journey at school. Many thanks for choosing Caterpillar Pre-School for your child. We wish them all the very best as they grow and hope they will fondly remember their time in Caterpillars. 😊

## **Transition sessions for those children moving to Millbrook's Reception in September**

Your child's shuffle up session is on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July** during one of their normal Caterpillar sessions. If your child doesn't attend Caterpillars on a Monday, please come and speak to us about them attending one of the shuffle-up sessions on that day. In addition to this, your child will be popping into their new classroom and outside area informally over the next month to get used to their new classroom and members of staff.

## **Leavers Ceremony**

This year we will be holding our 'Leavers Ceremony' on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**.

This is an informal gathering where we celebrate the children starting school in September. We would therefore like to invite the parents of these children to attend. The ceremony will be starting at **10.30 am**.

All children who are starting school in September should come to Caterpillars on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July in the morning @ 8.30 am. If your child does not normally attend on this day, they are of course still welcome - please come and talk to us. 😊 All children will finish their session after the ceremony.

To allow us to focus on the children who are leaving, we would like to ask that only the 'leavers/school starters' attend Caterpillars on this day.

**So to confirm: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July is for children who are leaving Caterpillars only and closed to those children who will be returning in September.**

### **End of term parties**

These will take place on **Monday 24th July**. Children should attend their normal session. If your child does not normally attend on a Monday, they are of course welcome to attend - please come and talk to us. Children are welcome to dress in party clothes, fancy dress or whatever they wish. **Please could each child bring in a small amount of food to share.** This can be crisps, cakes, biscuits, sandwiches, cheese, fruit or similar. **Please do not send any meat-based foods or anything containing nuts. A Party List will go out the week before the party to sign up for some food to bring.**

### **Important dates**

**Monday 24th July** - End of term parties

**Monday 24th July** - LAST DAY OF TERM for Caterpillars returning in September

**Tuesday 25th July** - Leavers' Ceremony

### **Important new term dates for returning Caterpillars**

**Monday 4th September** - Open day for new Caterpillars (closed for returning Caterpillars)

**Tuesday 5th September** - First day back for returning Caterpillars

**Wednesday 6th September** - Induction for new Caterpillars begins