



News from Steventon Children's House - an accredited Montessori nursery school-

Stop press..... Steventon is now not just famous for its Jane Austin heritage, it now is the home to the only accredited Montessori nursery school in North Hampshire. We had our final accreditation visit at the end of June and our assessor was greatly impressed by our happy settled children, our beautiful calm environment, and the quality of the teachers. She loved our outdoor area where she observed children getting quite wet as they washed clothes, furniture, watered plants and painted the walls. Our assessor is one of the most highly respected Montessorians in the country so it is high praise indeed. 'Montessori Education UK' our accreditation body sets the highest standards in the Montessori world. This is the highest accolade a Montessori school can achieve so we are all really pleased.

All of this came in the middle of our busy summer term, the children have been taking part in 'Mother Goose', playing violins and listening to our inspirational musical visitors. They have been growing sunflowers and painting like Van Gough, finding out about the properties of water and doing musical water cycles. They have been having new baby brothers and sisters and running a baby week, taking part in Montessori Olympics and also having a sports day. Then there is all the housework - flowers to arrange, shelves to dust, tables to wash, floors to mop, snack to prepare. With at least 2 fully Montessori qualified staff in each day for every 10 children, we have a chance to observe, respond to each child's individual needs and learn from the child.

The autumn term is already planned and will soon be upon us, we will have artistic visitors and more, come and find out for yourselves. We welcome all visitors, Friday morning 9.30 is our open morning to look around or please ring to make an appointment on 01256 770720. We accept children from 2 years right through until they are 6. Our website www.steventonchildrenshouse.co.uk provides further information.