



# Nursery News

## Christmas Holidays



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents,

WOW!!! What an amazing first term the children have had in Nursery and we are delighted with how much the children have achieved since they started in September. The last few weeks have been filled with lots of festive fun with children enjoying gingerbread number hunts as well as a candy cane hunt this week. The children have been amazing during their Christmas Nativity rehearsals and the performances we have carried out, we are so proud of how they have behaved and sang. We would like to say a huge thank you for the amazing costumes everyone has provided! The children look fantastic and were a credit to their families.

### We would like to inform families of upcoming events in Nursery for the Spring term.

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February; Pancake Week celebrations.** We will be carrying out a range of activities based on the story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' to link to the festival on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February; Chinese New Year celebrations.** We will be carrying out a range of crafts, making and tasting Chinese food in the run up to the festival which is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.
- **February/ March; Parental Consultations.** This is an opportunity for you to come into Nursery and discuss your child's progress and development with your child's key worker. Learning journeys will be available for you to look through. Letters to arrange appointments will be sent home in the new year.

### Book Diaries



We will begin sending reading books and diaries out in the second week of the Spring term.

Children in the **Early Red** and **Morning Blue** groups will bring their first books home on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. These diaries and books should be **returned each Monday** so that new books can be chosen and staff have the opportunity to respond to entries made allowing these to be redistributed each Wednesday. Please note if your child hands their book in on a Wednesday staff will not respond to entries as there is no time during the Nursery session.

Children in the **Full Time Purples**, **Late Green** and **Afternoon Yellow** groups will bring their first books home on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January**. These diaries and books should be **returned each Wednesday** so that new books can be chosen and staff have the opportunity to respond to entries made allowing these to be redistributed each Friday. Please note if your child hands their book in on a Friday staff will not respond to entries as there is no time during the Nursery session.

### Early Reading and Writing Information

#### Letters and Sounds

Children have recently completed their Autumn term phonics activities and we are delighted with the progress they have made. In the first week back children will recap on work with the letter sounds...

**m a s d t**

Children will then receive a letter about upcoming activities that they will be carrying out with specific sounds.

#### I can write my name

Children will be focusing on writing their names, if your child can already do this we will be looking at correct letter formation and writing surnames.



### Maths Information



We will be having a focus on maths skills in the first half of the new term, children will have two key worker sessions looking at a range of skills such as number recognition, writing numbers, counting out objects from a larger group, placing objects in a line to count them as well as problem solving activities with a focus on early language.

### Self-Care

As we move into the Spring term we encourage that children start to become more independent in managing their self-care. This includes putting on their own coat, hat, scarf and wellingtons. As well as using the toilet independently. We would ask parents to encourage children with this at home, including undressing and dressing before and after so that children can manage this at Nursery. We thank you in advance.



#### Bags

We would also ask that children refrain from bringing large bags to Nursery. This is to allow children to place their coats up independently. If children have scarfs, gloves and hats these can be placed in their trays.

## Festive Fun!

We would like to share some of the festive fun we have had in Nursery over recent weeks... the smiles say it all!



## New Learning

We will be continuing to explore new learning after the holidays. Children have expressed an interest in Winter – particularly snow, snowflakes and Polar Bears therefore we will continue to focus on Winter as part of our learning and keep our winter themed area. Children have also taken a keen interest in animals and we have created a jungle area with a range of enhancements for children to develop skills. We have also created a desert in the sand area and will be exploring where animals live. Children have continued to play with the dragons and castles so we will explore this further. We will also be following other calendar events which will see us celebrate Valentines Day and discussing people we love, we will have a focus on Chinese New Year with our own Wok House role play and discuss our love of books through book week.

## Nursery Fund

We would like to send our sincerest thanks to those of you who have continued to support our Nursery Fund this term the contributions have supported our Christmas cooking and nursery snacks. The Nursery Money Box is in the cloakroom and we really would appreciate your contributions as would the children! As always every penny is put back into Nursery for the children to use and enjoy their learning with!

**We would like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our families.** Staff would like to thank you for the beautiful cards and gifts they have received. We will see you all in the new year when the children **return to Nursery on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Thank you

Mrs Bell, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Lowes, Mrs Cowley, Mrs Hewson, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Hill

