

Dear Families,



Haven't we had some exciting weather in January? The children have had lots of fun exploring the wind, the big puddles from the rain, watching the hail stones and learning about the frost and snow. I can't wait to see what happens next!

This month our Transition children and Kindergarten children have started Mini Professor sessions and are having a blast! They have been exploring bones and shapes recently.

The Toddlers and Babies have been very busy with their music sessions learning some new Boogie Mites songs and exploring different instruments.

In February the children will be thinking about Shrove Tuesday by making their own pancakes, as well as exploring Chinese New Year and National Story Telling Week.

Annual fee increases will take place from 1st April 2018 and Clare will be working hard to calculate your new fees during February. Fees will increase by 3% (on average 19p per hour) and the Meals & Consumables Charge for Grant funded children will increase by 4p per hour. This year we will be sending the new Fee Information to you by email. If you haven't received your email by 28th February, please let me know. Ideally we would like all our families to pay by direct debit. Please pick up a direct debit form from me next time you are in the Nursery.

Kind Regards

Kayleigh Tye
Nursery Manager

Indoor Outdoor Shoes

We want our children to enjoy outdoor play and experiences whatever the weather. Please bring them in with appropriate clothing for the 'Great British weather'. To support your child making the most of the outdoors, please may I ask you to bring in a pair of wellies/outdoor shoes and a pair of indoor shoes or slippers to change into. Outdoor shoes need to be suitable for walking, climbing and splashing in puddles whilst also keeping little feet warm (oversize or ill-fitting wellies can pose a hazard). Please remember too, to label all items of clothing, including footwear. Many thanks.

Diary Dates

- **Shrove Tuesday**
13th February
- **Chinese New Year**
16th February
- **Parent Consultations**
March 2018
- **Closed for Good Friday**
30th March
- **Closed for Easter Monday**
2nd April

Babies

We have been welcoming all our new Babies this month and learning all about them. The Babies have been exploring paint and creating different patterns with their hands and feet. We have also been using our role play area to care for our dolls and practice feeding ourselves. In the Garden we have been experiencing all the different weathers.



Toddlers

In January we have been creating our own balancing games and gaining confidence with our physical skills. We have also been looking at shapes and magnets exploring what's magnetic and what isn't. We have been using torches in the dark tent and then we used them again in the Garden when its dark so we can see the stars. The children have been using their family albums to start talking about their families and people who are special to them. We have also made 'mini me's', These are small photos of the children that they are using in their play.



Transition

In January the Transition children have been talking about their Christmas presents they received from Father Christmas and thinking about Winter. They have started to look at the dark nights and the stars in the sky, from this we have been recreating our own 'Starry Night' pictures using collage and creative resources. Transition will continue to explore starry nights and looking at what patterns and swirls we can create using paints. We have also been looking at light and dark using different materials to see what is reflective then making our own stars and light up resources.



Kindergarten

In January the children all came back very excited from Christmas. We spoke about our gifts and the children shared some of the new books they got for Christmas. We looked at 'The Three Little Pigs', this then provoked us into exploring construction in the wider environment. We have been out and about looking at different buildings and how things are built. We have also started Mini Professors and have been learning about our bones and shapes. We have also been practising our hammering skills using the hammers and golf tees. We are getting quite good now!

