

Dear Families,



Happy New Year and welcome back to Nursery. I would also like to welcome our new families who are starting with us this month, we are very excited that you have chosen Ampfield.

In December we had a fantastic Nativity performance from the Kindergarten children who all performed very well, we were so proud of them. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend, it did make it that extra bit special having you there.

We hope the children and yourselves have enjoyed the Christmas break and had the opportunity to have lots fun family times. As a Nursery we are going to be focusing on our families and those who are important to us. We would like to ask that you bring in family photos, pop them onto Tapestry or email photos over to us. We want to use the photos to create family albums with the children to provoke conversations with them about those who are important in their lives as well as talking about their past experiences.

Thank you for all of the gifts, cards and Christmas wishes we received from you before the break and we hope you loved your presents carefully made by your children.

In January we will be starting 'Mini Professor' sessions with the Transition and Kindergarten children. These sessions allow the children to explore scientific concepts in a fun and exciting way, enabling them to learn more about their environment and how things work. We are all very excited about this new opportunity for the children.

Kind Regards

Kayleigh Tye
Nursery Manager

Nature Nursery

During January and February there will not be any Nature Nursery in the woods as the ground needs to rest and recover ready for us resuming our sessions in March. The children will still be getting out and about. We will be taking the children out weekly to visit different areas of interest with Matt offering a different experience for the children. Your Room Manager will let you know when the children will be going out so that they can be dressed appropriately.

Dates for your diary

- **2018 Open Evening**
18th January 7-8pm
- **Parent Consultations**
March 2018
- **Closed for Easter**
Friday 30th March until
Monday 2nd April 2018

Babies

During December the Babies have been exploring the Winter and Christmas sensory baskets that the Team put together. They especially liked shaking the bells! They have also been exploring paint, some with body painting where they covered their whole bodies, to others who just used their finger tips to make marks. These fabulous exploratory experiences were captured on paper and used to create their beautiful Christmas gifts.



Toddlers

In December the Toddlers got physical using both small and large muscles when they explored and developed their threading and wrapping skills. They also explored printing with paint and other forms of mark making. They spent time outside using their core muscles practicing their balancing and building their own climbing structures with the guidance of the adults. The children had great fun exploring the frost and ice they found outside and had fun learning about things that are cold.



Transition

In December Transition enjoyed creating their own cards and then posting them in their own post box as well as giving them to each other. They even made their own stamps. They also visited the Christmas Market in Winchester allowing the children to soak up the experiences using all their senses. Back in the Nursery the children explored lots of different Christmas textures and smells, and worked together to create different activities that involved rolling, using bauble balls and other spherical items.



Kindergarten

In December the children worked really hard to put on an amazing Nativity, they were all really proud and did a marvellous job. They also explored the different weather conditions we experienced especially the snow and ice. They looked at different ways of making ice melt and enjoyed seeing their breath in the garden when it was cold. The children also created their own travelling games with each other as a lot of the children had been visiting family they created Train or Bus journeys where they travelled the country to see different people.

