

## Dear Families,



Wow where has my first two months gone? It has been lovely getting to know all the families and children and spending time in the rooms.

Thank you to all the parents who baked goodies and donated for Children in Need we raised a brilliant £167. We were very lucky to have a visit from Pudsey's friend Kipper. The children loved reading the Kipper stories in small groups having special Key Person time and were amazed when he came to visit.

Please can I remind you to make sure your child has their gloves and hats in their bag as we do enjoy going outside in all weathers. Please could I also remind you to provide indoor shoes/slippers so the children can change out of their muddy shoes indoors.

In Team news we are very sad to be losing Penny and Katie this month, Penny is retiring and Katie is off to work in a playgroup to give herself more time for her studies, we wish them both all the best.

December is a month filled with glitter, twinkling lights and lots of song and laughter, we are looking forward to the children's responses to our Christmas inspired provocations.

Please remember to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) if you wish to continue to claim the 30 hours grant funding for 3 and 4 year olds or if you are using Tax Free Childcare to pay your nursery fees. If you have any questions about this, please contact Clare Bliss our Finance Manager.

Warm regards  
*Clare Ashton*  
Nursery Manager



## Play Dough Recipe

How can I make play dough at home?

- 1 cup of plain flour
- 1 cup of boiling water
- 1 tablespoon of cooking oil
- 2 teaspoons of cream of tartar
- Half a cup of salt
- Food colouring (optional)
- Place all the ingredients in a plastic container and stir until a 'doughy' consistency is formed and comes away from the sides of the bowl.

## Diary Dates

- **Kindergarten Nativity Rehearsal** 7<sup>th</sup> December at Colden Common Community Centre. Please drop off your child at 1pm and collect them at 3pm
- **Kindergarten Nativity** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm. If your child is not in on this day please drop them off at 1.45pm
- **Christmas Jumper Day** 15<sup>th</sup> December
- **Christmas Sing Along** 22<sup>nd</sup> December 4.30pm
- **Nursery Closure** 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm
- **Reopen** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

### Babies

The Babies have been exploring the paint using their hands and making large up and down movements. To further develop this we have now started to add tools. The Team have been encouraging the Babies to try to feed themselves. To help develop this skill they have been experiencing other opportunities to scoop and fill containers. They have also been using tins and boxes to explore stacking and building investigating how things fit together and balance.



### Toddlers

Toddlers have been exploring the paints and using the different stamps and their fingers to make different marks. We have also been doing lots of turn taking in games and sharing stories in small groups, such as matching games and lotto. They have been out and about in the Yellow Dot Bus visiting the Library and the Bank where they paid in the Children in Need donations.



### Transition

In Transition we have been making firework pictures in response to the ones seen and heard for Guy Fawkes night. We talked about about the different colours, shapes and noises they made. As part of our exploration of our British values we also talked about Remembrance Sunday and how the children may see people wearing poppies including The Queen. For Children in Need we used our fine motor skills for measuring out and mixing cooking ingredients to create biscuits and cakes.



### Kindergarten

The Kindergarten have been busy creating firework pictures. They used a range of materials such as paint with tubes, tissue paper and paint sticks. We used technology too by drawing firework pictures on the computer. The inspiration came from the children talking lots about what they had seen over the bonfire weekend and the firework displays they had been to. The children have also been developing their hand eye co-ordination by paper weaving. They are beginning to understand that they need to go over and under to create patterns. They have also been weaving on the wooden boards to create the same effect. We have been thinking about the Nativity Story and are looking forward to sharing it with you on the 14<sup>th</sup> December.

