



Dear Families,

December was a very busy month! Our children have been experiencing Christmas, all the children listened to the Nativity story and our Kindergarten staged a Nativity performance to share with the Nursery and their families. The whole Nursery was busy investigating Christmas traditions and making cards and presents for their families.

Throughout the Nursery, music was a feature as I heard the singing of traditional songs in all the rooms. The Toddlers particularly enjoyed the Christmas Pudding Song chosen from the singing bag. I learnt that the Transition children loved Jingle Bells and shaking bells as they danced. The Kindergarten children learnt an enormous list of songs for their Nativity Play and given their ages it was a spectacular feat to achieve. The Babies enjoyed a sensory December with songs and the smells of festive oranges and cinnamon sticks.

In December our fabulous Cook Amanda prepared and cooked 270 children's Christmas lunches which were enjoyed by everyone. Thank you Amanda for all your hard work.

At the end of December we have reflected on the past year and now we find ourselves in January 2018 with all the exciting experiences ahead of us. The first being that our Hedge End Nursery will be 5 years old on the 7th January and we will be celebrating this during the week beginning the 8th January with all the children.

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. Finally, myself and the Team would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and all the best for 2018.

Jo Parker
Nursery Manager



Christmas Experiences



Diary Dates

- 8th January
Our 5th Birthday



Babies

Wow, Babies got very festive throughout December. On the 1st we went to Sainsbury's to look at the Winter display. We also headed out to Haskins on the Bus to look at the Christmas lights, we even experienced a mince pie! We explored tinsel and baubles and unwrapped the presents under the tree. As it has been so chilly we investigated a wintery tuff tray using shaving foam, hair gel and icing sugar which has led to us on to exploring ice.



Toddlers

The Toddlers were feeling very festive throughout December! They perfected their tree decorating skills by decorating their own tree in the room. Some of the Toddlers were also lucky enough to go to Garson's Garden Centre to see the decorations and feed the Reindeer! This led to us making our own Reindeer food ready to leave out on Christmas Eve. We hope Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer enjoyed it! As the weather grew colder the children were also able to explore ice.



Transition

We also were busy exploring Christmas during December and enjoyed Christmas lunch and crackers with our friends! The children enjoyed playing in the garden exploring the muddy puddles, helping Ian sweep up the sand and collecting wooden blocks in the trolley to keep things tidy. They also enjoyed using the magnifying glasses to see if they could find any ice in the garden as the weather got colder. The children came across a Polar Bear stuck in the ice and this led to much discussion about how we could free the frozen Polar Bear.



Kindergarten

The children in Kindergarten had a very busy December making cards, presents, wrapping paper and of course practising for and performing our Christmas Nativity Play. We hope you enjoyed watching the performance as much as we did performing it! Kindergarten were out and about in December as usual and some of the children were able to visit Garson's Garden Centre and see the Reindeer. We also had Magic Charlie come to visit us in December; he made us laugh and we found our children were magic! As well as all the Christmas magic the children continued to enjoy exploring woodwork which we will be continuing into the New Year.

