

Dear Families,



Christmas

I hope you had a great break over the festive period and Happy New Year. A big thank you from myself and all the Team for our gifts and cards, it was very much appreciated and we hope you liked yours too.

A big welcome to our new families that have joined and are joining us over the next few weeks. Trials are going well for all the children so lots of fun to look forward to.

During December the children had a great time exploring Christmas with different sensory experiences and discussions. Kindergarten did a fabulous Nativity performance of 'It's a baby' over at the Village Hall which was great to watch.

A big thank you for supporting our Christmas Jumper Days during December, with the added bonus of a roast dinner too. We raised a total of £26 for Save the Children.

This month we will be going on trips to different places to help the children explore more of the local community and Kindergarten will be visiting the Care Home too.

This month Hannah joins us as our Baby Room Manager from a Bright Horizons Nursery in Oxford. Lizzie will still be here for a couple of weeks to train Hannah in her position then Lizzie will return to her position as Lead Practitioner. She will still be supporting us here at North Baddesley as well as our Chilworth Nursery, so you will see her!. We also have Hayley joining us soon as our Senior Nursery Nurse in Transition and will be training with Claire E and Jo.

Best wishes

Becky McFarlane

Nursery Manager



Babies

Babies have been exploring Winter throughout December as the weather has been getting chillier. We explored our winter clothing and how to we change into our scarves and hats to keep us warm and snug. We loved our Christmas provocations including exploring box play, wrapping paper and winter small world scenes. The Babies have really engaged in the Christmas singing song bags we have been sharing in the room and at community singing, babies favourite 'The reindeer pokey'! Through January we are looking forward to meeting our new friends that are joining us in Babies and also continuing to explore winter as it gets into full swing.



Toddlers

Toddlers had a wonderful December, exploring Winter and Christmas. They were particularly interested in singing and dancing, learning lots of new songs. The children used various materials from the creative area to help create our Christmas display board, to make it feel like more of a home environment. We asked families for pictures of their Christmas so the children can see first hand some real Christmas time environments. Thank you to everyone that sent them in, they look great over our 'fireplace'.



Transition

Wow what great language skills the children have all recently developed. And their vocabulary is continuing to expand as they sing along to new Christmas rhymes and explore new stories based around the festive season. We have continued to explore shapes and colours as we learn about Christmas. In the creative area they have been using their newly acquired skills to make lots of fantastic artwork including calendars, cards and wrapping paper.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten have had lots of festive fun throughout December and were very excited for Christmas! We hope you all had a great break and enjoyed lots of family time. Kindergarten were very excited to share their Nativity with their families and they did brilliantly especially their singing and dancing. All the children preformed so well. We have been very busy with many Winter and Christmas provocations, including making our own decorations, doing some yummy Christmas baking and making and melting ice in our Winter Wonderland small world. In January we will continue to look at Winter and also discuss Christmas based on the children's first hand experiences of it. We are also looking forward to meeting our new friends that are joining us.

