



## Dear Families,

What a fabulous November we have had here at Yellow Dot Winchester. The weather was extremely kind to all our events and we dodged the many showers to enjoy a sparkler filled Bonfire event. Thank you to all the parents who toasted marshmallows, carved pumpkins, created glittery pictures, lit up the Nursery with sparklers and enjoyed hot chocolate alongside some of our Cook Helen's special treats. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Beach Nursery too has not been thwarted by the weather and the Kindergarten children have revelled in their outdoor experiences down at Lee on Solent. I am sure you will agree the photos have been amazing and such incredible real life experiences for all the children, proving the beach is not just for summertime. I think there may have been hot chocolate on the menu again too!

The whole Nursery came together to raise money for Children in Need. We are thrilled to have raised £470.52 for disadvantaged children across the UK. We had fun making and selling cakes, walking a wonderful 25.9 miles, so many fabulous things to see in nature at this time of year, and of course dressing up as our favourite characters. Thank you all so much for your continued support of our many Charity events.

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 Sarah our Finance Manager.

Anticipation is now building for our Christmas Season. The tree has been delivered and the songs for the Nativity are being practised, events have been planned and dress rehearsals completed. We hope you can all join us for the many events planned, see Dates for your Diary. Many thanks and Merry Christmas.

*Kathryn Jones*  
Nursery Manager

## Moorside Nursing Home

Our visits to Moorside Nursing home were inspired by Channel 4's programme 'Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds.' The Mail online quotes "Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds puts elderly people and youngsters together. It aims to see if the health of older people might be improved by association."

We are aiming to bring joy to those in the Nursing Home alongside helping our children to develop an understanding of care and respect for all.

## Dates for your Diary

- **Kindergarten Nativity**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3pm
- **Babies Christmas afternoon**  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December
- **Kindergartens Christmas Party**  
13<sup>th</sup> December 10am
- **Christmas Jumper Day**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- **Christmas Closure**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6pm
- **Nursery re-opens**  
2<sup>nd</sup> January

## Babies

During November the Babies spent time exploring lights with fairy lights, disco lights and torches enhancing the environment, this followed up on their experiences of seeing fireworks and creating pictures of them. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner was also enjoyed by the Babies who attend on Thursday which linked with the home experiences of two of our American families who celebrate this. The coffee morning was fantastic fun with families and Team developing strong relationships whilst engaging with their children in the Nursery environment. Thanks to all who attended.



## Toddlers

The Toddler Team grabbed the opportunity to take the children in two Yellow Dot Buses to visit Sunnyfields Farm where the children were able to choose a pumpkin, ride on the trailer of the tractor and have some pumpkin soup in the café. As part of our Autumn provocation the children have also had the opportunity for experiences around Bonfire Night and fireworks, including a new cosy area filled with multi coloured lights alongside some firework inspired creative experiences.



## Transition

The story of 'The Gingerbread Man' has been a popular choice of the children in the Transition room. The children used their imagination in the role play area where they used cutters with the playdough and 'cooked' their creations in the role play oven. This lead nicely onto real life cooking experiences where the children made and cooked their own gingerbread men to take home and share with their families. This provocation enabled the Team to use this as their inspiration for the fancy dress day for Children in Need.



## Kindergarten

Nativity songs can be heard coming from the Kindergarten room as the children and Team are making final preparations for their big day. Beach Nursery has been enjoyed by the children who attend Nursery on a Wednesday and our visits to Moorside on Thursdays has spread joy to the elderly. The children have shown an interest in mathematics recently with lots of chatting amongst themselves about how many places at the table or how many leaves in the Autumn tray. The children have also been interested in measuring after measuring themselves was a popular experience.

