

Dear Families,



What a busy month we have had. During February we have been out and out on the Yellow Dot Bus. We went to Hursley Park and have been practising our gross motor skills and Team work to pass the ball to each other. In March we will be going on lots more trips!

We have had lots to celebrate this month too. We have been celebrating Chinese New Year and learning about Chinese customs from our parents, we have also been watching some of the flowers begin to shoot up from the ground as well as watching the snow flakes fall. We said goodbye to Gail this month and celebrated her time with us with sing songs and ring games in the garden. In March we welcome Zoe who is joining our Toddler Team on Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays. We look forward to introducing her to you nearer the time.

We have been busy with our cooking and baking skills this month particularly with pancakes where we learnt what ingredients are used, how to mix the ingredients and how to cook them. We had great fun trying to flip our pancakes.

The children have also been sharing with their friends and Key Person their favourite stories for World Book Week. In response to this we had great fun exploring 'The Gingerbread Man' story within the Nursery. We especially enjoyed meeting the life size gingerbread man in the garden before searching for him when we played hide and seek. We have also made our own gingerbread men.

In April Kindergarten have their trip to Minstead to look forward too.

Kind Regards

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## Cookery School

In Cookery Club this month we have been using our 'Out and About' days to make vegetable traffic light kebabs, chopping the vegetables ourselves and then creating the kebabs ourselves too. The children showed a keen interest in the loose parts provocations allowing us make jammy dodger biscuits using circles and stacking techniques. Then to evolve this further we made pizza pinwheels. Using the circler shape and adding in the skill of rolling and twisting.



## Dates For your Diary

- **Parent Consultations**  
March
- **Good Friday**  
30<sup>th</sup> March
- **Easter Monday**  
2<sup>nd</sup> April

## Babies

Last month the Babies enjoyed looking after their own toy Babies, we have been making beds for them, feeding them and having lots of fun with them. We have also been making Valentine's Day Cards using the paint dabbers and giving them to the special people in our lives. This month we have Mother's Day to look forward to! We will use our gluing and sticking skills we learnt from Valentine's Day to make lots of amazing presents and cards.



## Toddlers

In February Toddlers moved on from looking at light and dark and have been looking at black and white and the different effects we can cause by adding black and white to colours. We have also been looking at the 'Butterfly effect' of white and black printing where white paint is splodged onto black paper and folded to create a symmetrical pattern. In March Toddlers will be looking at Spring and the different colours that they can see on the trees and in their natural environment.



## Transition

In February we have been listening to the 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' story, having tea parties and making our own sandwiches for the Tiger to eat. We have also been painting Tiger masks and hole punching holes and threading wool to make the mane. In March we will be sharing 'The Gingerbread Man' storybook for World Book Day and also be practising more threading and fine motor skills to make creations for our Mother's Day cards.



## Kindergarten

In February we have been looking at Kandinsky and circles as a provocation to inspire us in creative experiences for Mother's Day. We have also been looking at cleaning firstly by cleaning the cars and then the children were thinking about germs and good hygiene practices such as washing hands and cleaning teeth. We also talked about visiting the Dentist. In March we will be looking at flowers and the first signs of Spring.

