

Dear Families,



Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and are ready to take on 2019. December here was full of festive joy, lots of creative activities and Christmas singing. The children will be excited to share their Christmas experiences with their friends so may I take this opportunity to ask you to refrain from bringing toys into Nursery as this can cause conflict between the children. December saw us developing our rooms with some new furniture and resources which are all in keeping with our Frobelian practice.

This month we welcome some new families to our Nursery as our Baby Room gets busier. January will also see us develop our outdoor areas with the help of our Lead Practitioner Lizzie who will be supporting and leading us.

As the cold weather approaches please remember to provide warm outdoor coats for your children alongside hats and gloves. A gentle reminder to all our families that you must not let anyone in the nursery as you are leaving, this is of course to safeguard everyone.

I'm sure January will bring some cold icy weather which will spark an interest in yet another weather change. Winter can spark many interests for the children from ice exploration to arctic animals and their habitats!

Warm regards
Charlotte Tubbs
Nursery Manager



Comings and goings

Our Cook Josie has decided it's time to try something different and is now pursuing a career in caring for the elderly.

We welcome Sarah to the baby team who will be supporting Melissa and Lorraine at the beginning of the week and we welcome Kerry back from maternity leave who will be supporting all the rooms in her Senior Nursery Nurse position.



Dates for your Diary

- **15th January**
School application deadline
- **February 5th**
Chinese New Year
- **February 14th**
Valentines Day

Babies

Babies have been exploring how things move which was sparked by the interest of rolling. This has involved lots of creative experiences using rolling materials and lots of pushing of items that move in this way. Babies explored Christmas through their senses using lots of textured things in their Christmas provocation area. Babies love to sing the most out of all our age groups and the Christmas songs has seen the babies begin to move to rhythm and rhyme.



Toddlers

Toddlers have been getting out and about on winter walks looking for the changes this season has brought. The children have explored baking Christmas goodies and lots of creative Christmas craft has been on offer for the children to dive into. Toddlers have embraced their new role play area and the language skills that have been developed as a result of this is amazing. In January, Toddlers will be welcoming some Babies from the Baby Room to join them and exploring parties and gifts following on from the festive party season.



Transition

Transition really embraced the Christmas period making their own tree decorations, baking Christmas bread using Christmas spices and adding Christmas scents to their playdough. A shift around in the role play area has really brought the children's imaginations to life with lots of home baking, and caring for our dolls. Transition also welcomed some new children to our Nursery and the current children will be busy showing their friends what the Transition Room is all about.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten of course put on a fantastic Nativity and I'm sure you continued to hear them sing the songs many weeks after the performance! Kindergarten began looking at the Frobelian occupations with the introduction of sewing. This will support the children's fine motor skills and hand eye co-ordination. In January we aim to re visit letters and sounds and continue to enhance their imagination through open ended experiences.

