

## Dear Families

Welcome to our March Newsletter; I'm sure you are all pleased to see that Spring looks like it's on its way although it is still pretty cold at the moment.

February was a busy time for the Nursery with all the seasonal Festivals that Winter brings. We enjoyed our experiences around Shove Tuesday, St. Valentines Day and Chinese New Year. A very big thank you to Mr and Mrs Lu (parents of Ethan in Kindergarten) who came in and talked to the children in Transition and Kindergarten about their culture. They told stories and made some fabulous paper decoration to put up in the window for good luck.

Lots of changes in our car park this month and I would like to thank you all for your help and understanding. The children are enjoying watching the builders create the new car park and especially seeing the diggers. Lots of provocation ideas have been coming up from this experience.

We would like to invite all our Mum's, Grandmothers, Auntie's etc. to our Special People Tea Party on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm. We hope you can join us.

This month we will welcome Suki to our Chilworth family; she will be working with Kate, Fiona, Fran and Shannon in Kindergarten. Kerry will be leaving at the end of month to have her Baby. We wish her all the best with at this exciting time.

Looking forward to more of the Spring weather and sharing our exciting experiences with you!

*Sam Paulton*  
Nursery Manager



## February at Chilworth



## Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
Mother's Day tea
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
Nursery Photo's –if this isn't your normal day, please book in at the office
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
Good Friday Nursery Closed
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
Easter Monday Nursery Closed

## Babies

This month the Babies have been exploring lots of different sensory experiences from shaving foam to water. We added bubbles to the water and also explored it as ice in the outdoors. As well as these provocations the children also had opportunities for experiences around Shrove Tuesday, Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year. We explored flour play, red paint and water, red and gold painting and rice play. We also made some lovely connections around special people.



## Toddlers

The Toddlers also enjoyed experiences around Pancake Day, Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year. The children spent time looking at colours and exploring the primary colours red, blue and yellow through painting and collages. We made playdough into pretend pancakes and tasted real pancakes. We have been exploring Chinese objects and colours from our seasonal display and exploring noodles. We have also been getting out into the community more with walks around the Science Park and to the Play Park.



## Transition

In common with Babies and Toddlers the children in Transition have been busy discovering and exploring lots of different festivals. We enjoyed listening to lots of stories around pancakes and it was very exciting cooking pancakes in our room for Pancake Day! The children have also been using their sense of touch and cutting skills to explore Chinese foods such as beansprouts and rice noodles in the build up to Chinese New Year. During March we will continue to build our links with the community by taking the children to visit our local Library.



## Kindergarten

In February, linking up with Valentine's Day, the Kindergarten children were talking about special people and creating lots of beautiful artwork for them. They also made yummy pancakes and chose their own toppings. We had a fantastic time learning about Chinese New Year with Ethan's parents when the children were able to practise their cutting skills while making decorations and also tasted Chinese food. As cooking seems to be one of the children's favourite things to do, we will continue to provide lots of opportunities for this throughout March. Also, with Mother's Day coming, the children will continue talking about special people.

