

Dear Families,



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a happy and healthy Christmas break.

What a wonderful build up to Christmas we had. December was packed full of present and decoration making, a Nativity, singing and parties! Everyone worked really hard to make the Nativity a big success so a huge thanks to the Team, the Church and the children for a lovely performance. The whole Nursery was on a high when we broke up for the holidays. Thank you so much for the cards and gifts kindly given to the team. And we hope you will make use of your Yellow Dot tea towel for years to come!

We said farewell to Sean and Polly at the end of December and are delighted to welcome Ruth and Catherine to the Team in January.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our families a Happy New Year and look forward to a exciting 2019, filled with fun and laughter.

Best wishes,

Jo Parker

Field Manager



Dates for your Diary

- 15th January – Deadline for applying for Year R School place
- 26th – 2nd February – National Story telling week

Babies

In Babies we had lots of fun exploring Christmas. The children were interested in the lights, sensory bottles with Christmas items in them boxes and bubbles, they have been discovering Christmas. We also made Christmas cards using silver, red and yellow paint. We had fun making reindeer food and bubbles! We have also been out and about with walks to the Town centre to look at the buses and the local park. And visited the Library and enjoyed story time with Santa.



Toddlers

Toddlers were very busy making Christmas gifts including Christmas sticking, painting in festive colours. The children have really enjoyed singing Christmas songs at circle time and throughout the day. The highlight for December was the Santa's grotto that we created and the children painted and stuck on cotton wool for snow! We have been exploring the role play, decorating and un-decorating the Christmas tree and pretending to be elves and Santa! We have made a Christmas sensory area with tins and baubles.



Transition

During December we were exploring all things Christmas. We started with a walk around Eastleigh to look at the lights and then we started to count all the Christmas trees we could find! We had also been very creative making cards, stockings and tree decorations to share with our parents. It has been amazing getting into the festive spirit and we celebrated this by making our own Christmas biscuits.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten enjoyed a very successful Nativity, "It's a Baby" at All Saints Church where it was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Charlie the Magician also came and entertained the children. The children have spent a lot of time getting their Christmas gifts ready for their parents. We have chosen our designs for cards, been printing, singing, exploring the outdoors environment. Noticing changes in weather as the seasons change.

