

Dear Families,



Happy New Year! And welcome to our new families who have joined us on their exciting Yellow Dot journey. We look forward to starting this 2018 journey with you. I hope you all had a lovely break over Christmas. We can't wait to hear all about what the children have been up to over the festive period and would love any photos you may have to share on Tapestry. Although Christmas has been and gone for 2017, we will continue to revisit this over the month so that the children can remember and talk about their own first hand experiences of the festive period.

The build up to Christmas is the most magical time of year in the Nursery, the children and Team have got stuck in to some fantastic festive provocations including making their own tree decorations, learning new skills to make Christmas cards and of course some delicious baking.

The children were very surprised to see Father Christmas when he came to visit the Nursery and enjoyed sharing some of their experiences in the build up Christmas.

WOW....what a great job the children and Team did in producing such a fantastic and entertaining Nativity. We were very proud to see the children up on stage, singing and dancing away.

Thank you for all of the gifts, cards and Christmas wishes we received from you before the break and we hope you loved your presents carefully made by your children.

Winter is here and as it gets colder please provide labelled hats, gloves and scarves as well as a nice warm coat.

Kind regards

Hayley James
Nursery Manager

Supporting Communication

Effective communication is the basis for developing healthy and mutually rewarding child-to-child relationships and adult-to-child relationships. Mealtime can be an important time to encourage communication. Think of mealtime as a communication time, a time when you can converse with, nurture, and obtain feedback from children. Consider removing distractions around meal time and eat with the children.

When adults eat with children they can:

- serve as role models by their food choices.
- protect children from safety hazards such as cross-contamination and choking hazards.
- encourage conversation at mealtimes.



Babies



The Babies have been using their senses to explore all the lovely decorations and festive smells in the build up to Christmas with some exciting Treasure Baskets filled with lights and tinsel as well as their own Christmas tree. They have been exploring new coloured metallic paints with their fingers as well as trying their hand at some mixing when they made gingerbread.

Toddlers

The Toddlers have been busy getting out and about, catching the Bus to visit the Romsey Abbey and see the Advent Candle. On their visit they lit a candle, admired the stain glass windows and heard the choir singing. This inspired some festive provocations and we have seen a boom in new vocabulary from the Toddlers. The Toddlers have also been to visit the residents at the local Care Home, sharing some of our new Christmas songs.



Transition



Christmas provocations have been in full swing in Transition with the children telling the story of the Nativity with the small world figures as well as learning new skills to create some fantastic Christmas cards. The children have shown a big interest in numbers and counting. The Snow Men matching cards were a great hit as they enabled the children to match the numeral and quantity correctly. The Team have been talking about families and the people we care about. Some of the children went on to make their own paperchain families, naming each family member.

Kindergarten

What a buzz of excitement across the Kindergarten Room with the children learning their Nativity songs and the story behind Christmas. The children have been sharing their own experiences and have telling us about the lovely things they have been getting up to. This has been reflected in their Christmas creative workshop where they have been creating their own pictures for Christmas. We have also been busy baking mince pies, gingerbread and our own Christmas cakes.

