

Dear Families,



Hello, happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope you have all had a special festive time with your loved ones.

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.

I'm sure you will agree that December was a fun packed month here at the Nursery. The sleigh came to visit us with Santa himself and his little helper. This was enjoyed by our children who attend on Wednesday and the car park was filled with Christmas spirit for the morning as the children and Team danced away to the festive music playing. The Nativity was also a lovely festive treat for our Kindergarten parents and the children did us proud remembering all the words and all the actions to the songs.

In January we will be celebrating our 3rd Birthday and to mark the occasion we will be having the Mill Cottage Farm come to visit us. More information to follow.

As a final reminder, if your child is going to school in September please remember the application process for applying for your child's school place closes on January 15th. Please speak with a member of the Kindergarten Team, Kath or myself if you need assistance in doing this.

Best wishes

Charlotte Tubbs
Deputy Manager



New Beginnings

Some of our children will be moving to the next room in February bringing us lots of settling in session in January.

Here at Nursery we aim to make the transition from room to room as easy as we possibly can for both children and their families. If your child is due to move rooms and you have any queries about our settling in process please speak with a member of the Team.

December brought some new beginnings for some of our Team too. We welcome Sarah to our Nursery as our new Modern Apprentice. However, we have said farewell to Jodie our Baby Room Nursery Nurse who has moved on to work closer to home and Christina our Transition Room Manager who is taking a break from working life.

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 15th January**
Mill Cottage Farm coming to Nursery
- **Monday 15th January**
School application closing date

Babies

The Babies were able to get out and about to the Christmas Market during December which enabled the Team to enhance the continuous provision within the room by adding lots of Christmas smells and textures. The Babies loved the lights in the Town which had them babbling away as they pointed at them. Our older Babies, who will be going down to the Toddler Room in the new year, have even been walking whilst out and about rather than riding in the buggies. Making bread rolls with the Babies was also a success as they got stuck in with the dough.



Toddlers

Toddlers also visited the Christmas Market where they bought some Christmas potpourri which added a lovely scent to the whole room. Attending a Carol Service sparked an interest in traditional Christmas Carols which have since been heard throughout the Nursery. The Toddlers enjoyed an extra special treat of hot chocolate whilst having a special Christmas story. In Toddlers in January we will be exploring celebrations following on from how the children celebrated Christmas and New Year with their families.



Transition

Christmas was explored in a variety of ways by the children in Transition including making their own Christmas decoration and Christmas scented playdough. Games were popular in the month of December enabling the children to develop taking turns and following rules. We began our Yoga Classes in December and the children were really great at listening and following instructions. The Yoga sessions are also an excellent way to enhance the children's physical skills, particularly their balance. Yoga will continue in January with a possible extension depending on the take up.



Kindergarten

What a busy month December was for the Kindergarten children, with the Nativity performance and the Christmas party. I'm sure the children were ready for a rest and festive fun with their families. Alongside all the Christmas provocations the children also explored sewing and marbling inks in December. Woodwork was been introduced through the Elf Workshop and we will be continuing to extend this throughout this month and the coming year.

