



Newsletter January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the nursery, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year with your families and we look forward to spending the next year or so with you!

We would like to say a **MASSIVE THANK YOU** to all of you who came to our Christmas fete to show your support, we all had a lovely afternoon and hope you did too! I can confirm that combined with the Christmas Gifts we received a total of **£600** which is a huge success and we are extremely grateful!! This money will be split between the four age groups giving them each a total of **£150** to spend on new toys and resources. Once again thank you so much for your continued support.

The weather is very cold now, so please ensure your child has **a thick coat, a hat, scarf and gloves** with them every day, as well as **sensible shoes**.

We would like to thank all of you who have helped build the nursery and our reputation through recommending a friend! We are becoming extremely busy and now have a waiting list in our Seaside Room and have limited positions in Meadow and Preschool. Please continue to spread our name and you may be entitled to our **“Recommend a Friend” discount and receive a huge saving of 25% off one month's fees!**



Did you know?

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on services and support for parents:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/services-support-for-parents.aspx>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on preparing your child for school:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/pages/starting-school.aspx>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on bed wetting:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/pages/bedwetting.aspx>

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

This Month we will be exploring winter and will be doing lots of activities involving snow and ice such as; making snow, breaking ice to find hidden toys and exploring arctic themed set ups using the animals in the tough spots. We will also carry out a variety of arts and crafts in order to make a winter board and will create snowmen, penguins and polar bears. We will be looking at different textures and will be making textured pictures to place on our touch and feel sensory board. We will also be working on our communication and language skills and will be practicing lots of Makaton signs.

Parent Link – Can you take your child to the zoo to see the penguins? If the weather permits, can you allow your child to explore the snow and help them to build a snowman?

Seaside:

This month we will be celebrating Chinese New Year, the year of the rooster and will be doing lots of fun activities to promote this such as; sensory play, making cherry blossom fans, rooster masks, painting dragons and making kites. We will also be looking at colours, different animal sounds and will begin to work on developing our fine motor skills by doing some threading and making snips in paper with scissors.

Parent link – When the weather is mild can you can your child on a trip to the farm, can you point out all the animals and encourage your child to make their sounds? Can you buy animal books and colour books and encourage basic language such as red, green, yellow, blue and pig, dog, sheep, cow, horse, duck and fish?

Meadow:

This month we will be introducing our new book “We’re going on a bear hunt” to the children and planning lots of fun activities. We plan to go on our very own bear hunt and encourage the children to explore set up areas in the garden in search for the bear; we will be cooking and making biscuits and bread in the shape of bears, we will be making models from playdough and

clay and talking about bears and where they come from, what they eat, what colour they are and what other animals they may live with.

Parent Link - Please purchase the book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" and read this as part of your bed time routine, point out the characters and talk through the events that happen along with the rhyming tune so that your child can memorise this and lastly, take a trip to the zoo to see a real life bear!

Pre School:

This month we will be welcoming Rosie into the room as our new Room Leader. We will start the New Year by talking about what we did over Christmas with our family and friends and what lovely gifts we got from our families and Father Christmas! We will also be exploring the season Winter and will be carrying out various activities such as, making snowmen out of shapes, cotton wool, and various other arts and crafts; we will be talking about snow and what we do in the snow, we will explore snowflakes and make our own. We plan to learn new rhymes and poems and listen to stories about winter and snowmen!

Parent link – Please provide photos of your Christmas celebrations for your child to share with their friends. If the weather is good to us, allow your child to play in the snow, build a snowman with them and send us a picture. Read the snowman book with your child and talk about the changing season, what will be happy, why it snows and how ice is formed.

Gentle Reminders

Please ensure when **parking in the loading bays** that you display your parking permits and park appropriately ensuring other parents can also share the loading bays with you. Drop off and collection times are becoming very busy, particularly in the morning so mindful parking would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and that all children, parents, carers and visitors should have vacated the premises by this time. Should you require verbal feedback on your child's day, please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time to allow you to leave before 6.00pm. **As you are aware, charges may be levied for delays after 6.00pm and we really do not want to be in a position to charge this.**

Please don't forget to check your parents' information boards, facebook and our website for further information and reminders.

Dates for your Diaries

Chinese New Year, Friday 27th January

The children will be participating in celebrating the Chinese New Year by making a Chinese dragon, Chinese five spice play dough, dancing to Chinese music and eating some homemade Chinese style food. If any parents celebrating this have any additional ideas, please let us know.

Valentine's Day, Tuesday 14th February

Please allow your child to bring their favourite toy/ loved teddy bear to nursery for a show and tell. Children will also be participating in various arts and crafts to be taken home for their loved ones.

Pancake Day, Tuesday 28th February

All children will be learning how to make pancakes using fresh ingredients along with learning how to flip them! The children will also have the opportunity to try some pancakes with their favourite toppings for pudding.

World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March

Come to nursery dressed as your favourite book character and bring your favourite book with you to share with your friends. The children will be listening to lots of stories, watching and puppets shows and making up stories and acting them out in the role play!! The children will be offered porridge for breakfast (Goldilocks and the three bears), fruit salad for snack (The hungry Caterpillar), spaghetti and meat balls for lunch (Lady and the tramp) Guffalo crumble for pudding (The Gruffalo), traditional English finger sandwiches (Tiger who came to tea) and bear biscuits (We're going on a bear hunt)

Holi, Monday 13th March

All children are encouraged to come to nursery dressed in multicolours! They will be participating in a variety of activities such as body painting, making coloured water bombs and powder paint bombs. The children will also be encouraged to make colourful pictures with a variety of textures and lastly, making coloured biscuits and rainbow cakes!

St Patricks Day, Friday 17th March

All children are encouraged to come to nursery dressed in **GREEN** to celebrate St Patricks Day. We will be talking to the children about St Patricks Day and why it is celebrated; the children will also be taking part in various activities such as; dancing to Irish music and making shamrocks.

Mother's Day, Friday 24th March

We are inviting Mummies, Nannies and Aunties to come to the nursery for a tea party to celebrate Mother's Day. The children will be spending the week before hand making special surprises to give to their loved ones. If you intend to join us for the afternoon tea party, please let us know before hand for catering purposes.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Kirsty, Janine and Team.