



Newsletter January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to you all, we would like to wish you all a **Happy New Year** and hope you all enjoyed the festive season.

We would firstly like to say a big **THANK YOU** for all off your support in attending our **Christmas Fete**. The event was a huge success and we hope all parents and children enjoyed themselves. We are pleased to inform you that we raised nearly **£600** which will be going on new resources for the children, with the main focus being to improve our ICT resources.

We are delighted to announce we have recruited a new **Baby Room Leader** for Farmyard. **Lisa** will be starting with us from the **4th February**, she has over 8 years' experience working with children under two years old as part of a large day nursery. We look forward to welcoming Lisa to the team.

Our **2019 events** have now been planned and **uploaded to our website** along with being displayed on the parents' information boards – please be sure to take a look and make a note of important dates.

Lastly, we noticed during our toy audit that we had some tatty looking teddy's that have been through the washing machine one too many times therefore, if any parents have any **Teddy Bears** or **Soft toys** that they wish to donate we would be **very grateful**.

Dates for your Diaries for 2019

Monday 21st January 2:15-3:15pm - Bright Comets Bake off

All parents are invited to come along and make cakes and biscuits with the children and staff. If your child does not usually attend nursery on a Monday but you would like to bring them in and participate in this event please let Janine know.

Tuesday 5th February - Chinese New Year

To celebrate Chinese New Year (Year of the Pig) the children will have the opportunity to try some Chinese food and experience what it is like to use chop sticks.

The older children will also take part in various arts and crafts activities to support their understanding of the Chinese festival.

Tuesday 19th February – Staff Training Day (Nursery Closed)

Please note that the nursery will be closed for staff training, parents are not charged for these days and this has been taken into account when calculating your monthly fees.

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR EVENTS BOARD FOR REMINDERS



Did you know?

Please follow the link below for some TopTips for parents understanding children's communication:

https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/media/262297/npdw_toptips_ey.pdf

Please click the link below for some top activity ideas for outdoor winter activities:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/blogs/nature-detectives-blog/2015/12/outdoor-winter-activities/>

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

Farmyard will be exploring a wide range of textures and materials to support their sensory play. We will also using brushes, glitter, tissue paper, pipe cleaners and paint to encourage the children to notice the different marks they can make.

During the month of January we will be taking part in the Bright Comets Bake off, the children will have the opportunity to touch, smell and taste different ingredients, whilst getting messy with baking their very own cookies and cakes.

We will also be looking at our book of the month which will be "Incy Wincy" joined with the Incy Wincy Spider song for our song of the month. The practitioners in Farmyard will encourage the children to use signing whilst singing along.

Seaside:

This month, after having a great holiday we would like to get to know our families and kindly ask that parents e-mail in some family photos for us to make "About Me" book with the children and will use these as a basic talking point for the children. We will also be taking part in Bright Comets Bake Off and would love to see some parents come in and help us create something yummy.

Our song of the month is "Wheels on the bus," please sing this at home and encourage your child to do the actions to the rhyme.

Meadow:

This month in Meadow, we will be looking at The Snowman for our book of the month and our song of the month will be “Twinkle, Twinkle little Star” The children will take part in different arts and crafts linked to our book of the month and hopefully we may get some snow for them to explore.

We will also be looking at the numbers 1-10, by using visual objects to represent numbers and singing counting rhymes for them to begin counting.

Arctic:

We will be talking about what everyone did over Christmas, who they spent it with and how they celebrated the Christmas season.

We will also be exploring space to link in with our book of the month: “I wonder what else might be in space.” And the children will be doing different activities such as, making their own rockets, looking at the planets etc.

We will also be discussing the Winter season and looking at the effects of the cold weather on the environment, by going on walks.

Safari:

We welcome the children that have now moved up to us from Arctic, we hope you enjoy your time in Safari. We will begin this New Year by getting to know our new children and sharing our news on what we have been doing through the Christmas break, discussing about past events. The children and staff will be focusing on the children’s next steps set from their end of term reports. We will also be looking at numbers 1-10 and 10-20, colours and colour mixing, observing the effects of activities on our bodies, looking at changes and decay over a period of time and beginning to identify our names through a wide range of activities.

Parent Link: Can you look at the letters in your child’s name and practice the phonetical sound with them/

Gentle Reminders

Please don’t forget to follow our [Facebook](#) page for regular updates and news. We would also be very grateful to parents if you could leave us a review.

Unfortunately the **cold weather** is here! Therefore, we would like to ask ALL parents to ensure that you provide a warm coat/waterproof jacket, hat, scarves and gloves for your child to use whilst at nursery along with some wellington boots to ensure that they can get the benefits of being outdoors in all weathers. We also kindly ask that they have **appropriate clothing** to change into (long sleeved tops, vests and jumpers).

We would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and all children, parents, careers 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 will 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.

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

Kind Regards
Janine, Lorraine and Team.