

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all from the whole Team here in Andover! I do hope you had a fantastic break over Christmas and that there were some peaceful moments during this usually busy and exciting time. I hope you liked the little gifts that the children made for you, I know a lot of effort, fun and enjoyment went into them!

Thank you Kindergarten for the wonderful Nativity performance on 15th December. Please enjoy the pictures I have included in the Newsletter.

On Monday 22nd January we will be holding an Open Evening which will show how we are implement the Early Years Foundation Stage. This Winter we are focussing on physical and emotional health and development. The rooms will be setting up some typical experiences which illustrate how we promote children's development in these areas. Please look out for the posters and invitations that will follow.

Towards the end of January there is National Story Telling Week. Please could you let me know, not only what your child's favourite traditional stories are but yours as well. We hope to incorporate these into our planning. We would very much like to include stories from around the World. We have many families whose traditional stories will be unfamiliar to us and we are always keen to hear new 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.

Best wishes for a fabulous 2018!

Catherine Clifton

Nursery Manager

Christmas Photos



Dates for your diary

- **EYFS Open Evening**
Monday 22nd January
- **Burns Night**
25th January
- **National Story Telling Week**
27th January – 3rd February
- **Pancake Day**
13th February
- **Valentines Day**
14th February
- **Chinese New Year**
16th February

Babies

In December we had lots of fun exploring different Christmas sensory experiences. We really enjoyed the multi-coloured lights, peppermint playdough and lots of tinsel. A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Party we hope you had a wonderful time! This month we shall continue exploring lots of music and movement and hope to get outside to enjoy the changing cold weather.



Toddlers

During December Toddler Blue enjoyed mark making using various different tools and textures. Coloured glue was great fun as we could trickle the glue onto the paper and see the marks it made. We have also been busy making our Christmas cards and gifts and exploring our Christmas provocations. This month we look forward to exploring and experiencing frosty mornings in our garden and surrounding areas and focussing on healthy eating throughout the Nursery. Throughout December the Toddlers explored the season of Winter as well as Christmas through songs and musical instruments, walks to the Town Centre to see the decorations and lots of cooking! We will continue with Winter in the New Year, looking at how to keep ourselves warm through being active.



Transition

The children were busy in December with all things Christmas; making cards, gifts and wrapping paper which took their interest towards posting letters and a visit to the local Post Office! Throughout December we also focussed on numbers; counting up to ten and some number recognition. We have been out on counting walks and to explore the change of season into Winter and the Christmas decorations in the Town Centre. We have gained skills in using tools; hammers to tap pegs into our old pumpkin. This month, the children will join with the rest of the Nursery with a focus on keeping healthy.



Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children had a very busy December. Not only did they practice, rehearse and perform an outstanding Nativity Play at St Mary's Church, they made decorations, cards and gifts. They spent time looking at natural resources before creating these gifts as well as practising the skills needed for all their amazing work. In January, we will be revisiting and talking about their experiences of Christmas, exploring ways that we can be healthy and physically active and continuing with phonics, language groups and mark making.

