



Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all!

I do hope you had a very Happy Christmas and were able to celebrate the New Year in style. The children certainly enjoyed the run up to Christmas here at Nursery and were kept busy with singing, craft, decorations and cooking.

I myself will be leaving on Friday 11th January. I will be taking a much earned rest for three or four months before moving on to pastures new. Mandy Marsden has been appointed Manager and we have advertised for a new Deputy and Room Manager for the Transition Room. I will miss all the children here at Yellow Dot in Andover, and all of you parents and families. Thank you for your support, kindness and friendly faces at the door! Mandy is looking forward to her new challenge and I am sure you will be just as wonderful to her as you have been to me! Also, a warm welcome to Melissa Spencer who will join the Toddler Room as a Senior Nursery Nurse. Melissa has worked in Schools and Nurseries, specialising in Special Educational Needs.

On Monday 28th January the Nursery will hold an **Open Evening**. Parents are invited to come in and talk to the Team about what children are experiencing and learning whilst they are in our care. We will also aim to hold some question and answer sessions on behaviour management, sleep, food and allergies and dummies. There will be more information following soon.

It is due to be cold for the next few months. Please make sure that your child has named, suitable clothing: coats, socks, gloves and hats.

Kind regards

Catherine Clifton
Nursery Manager



Fundraising

Thank you for your donations at the Nativity.

£46.05 went to Bright Spaces

£46.20 went to St Mary's Church.

£14 for Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day)

Diary Dates

6th January: Epiphany

7th January:
Orthodox Christmas Day

14th January:
Orthodox New Year's Day

21st January:
Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day)
Jewish Holiday

25th January:
Burns Night

28th January:
Open Evening

Babies and Toddler Blue

During December Babies loved the festive activities in the room, especially the Christmas tree posting box and painting their cards for you. Thank you to you all who were able to join us for our party, we had great fun and hope you did too! Again, we will be welcoming more children throughout January and look forward to getting to know more friends and families. Toddler Blue children joined in the Christmas celebrations with gusto enjoying the festive songs and music. In January, they will continue to focus on key words and communication as well as activities based on joining, connecting, linking, emptying and filling



Toddlers

The Toddlers have been having lots of festive fun. We visited Rudolf and Prancer in the town centre and looked at the lovely Christmas lights. From this the children got out their torches and explored colours and shadows. The Toddlers have also helped to create a festive posting box matching coloured items to the baubles on the tree. We do hope you liked our baubles and tea towels, the children spent lots of time making them specially for you. We also hope you have been taught the Christmas songs which the children loved to sing with the help of their songs cards.



Transition

The Transition children were able to use Christmas as a holistic learning experience; the Nativity story, a visit to the post office, then made their own post box, created cards, made green and red play dough and then mince pies for their party. They went on walks to see the town centre decorations and decorated the room with paper chains, a Christmas tree, hung stockings and wrapped gifts. In January, they will explore cold, ice, winter and look at animals and scenery associated with Winter.



Kindergarten

During December the Kindergarten children spent a great deal of time exploring the Christmas story; the Nativity, songs and rhymes, carols, making gifts and cards. We hope you all enjoyed the Nativity at St Mary's Church. Magic Charlie also enthralled the children with his tricks! Throughout January we will be looking at Winter. We will make ice, allow water to freeze overnight and see how long it takes to defrost. We will be cooking and baking, using our Maths skills and senses. We will also be introducing the woodwork bench, working individually or in pairs to use hammers, nails and pieces of wood.

