

Dear Families,



Another year is coming to a close and the Nursery is starting to feel Christmassy. The Kindergarten children are busy singing their Nativity songs and art provocations are looking amazing. Congratulations to Emily and Amie Williams for creating our wonderful Yellow Dot Christmas card.

We had some exciting events here in November; not least the visit from local author Anna Wan and our amazing Autumn Party. We have a few changes to the Team for the New Year. Terri Leigh is returning from Maternity leave to work with the Transition children, Tuesday to Friday's. Tina has been promoted to Senior Nursery in Transition. Kerry is expecting her first baby and will be leaving at the end of March.

Thank you so much to all of you for supporting Children In Need and Ella's Bows, we raised over £630 in total. A fantastic amount!

Please can I remind all families to sign their children in and out of their rooms, this is important for the safety and security of your children.

Please also remember to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk if you wish to continue to claim the 30 hours grant funding for 3 and 4 year olds or if you are using Tax Free Childcare to pay your Nursery fees. If you have any questions about this, please contact Clare our Finance Manager.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Sing Song at 4.30pm on Friday 22nd December, hope to see you all there!

Merry Christmas from us all at Chilworth.

Warm regards

Sam Paulton
Nursery Manager

Our Autumn Party



Dates for your Diary

- **Kindergarten's Christmas Nativity**
Wednesday 13th December 2pm
- **Christmas Sing Song**
Friday 22nd December 4.30pm
- **Christmas Closure**
Friday 22nd December
- **Reopening**
Tuesday 2nd January
- **'What to expect, When?' Evening**
22nd January 7–8.30pm

Babies

Babies continued to explore Autumn colours and to look at nature on their many walks around the local area. That inspired the Team to provide creative experiences for the children, such as Autumn leaf painting. The Babies also took part in our Autumn Party, for which they helped to bake yummy shortbread biscuits. We also had a light table in the room which the children explored with great interest. In December the Babies will continue exploring light and will be able to do some sparkly and glittery arts and crafts, to link with all the lights and sparkles they will experience over Christmas.



Toddlers

The Toddlers were very creative during November. They experienced different ways of doing firework paintings using marbles and cardboard tubes. They also enjoyed having the light table in the tent and using torches to explore light. This month we are going to continue to explore our senses of touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell as we start our exciting and glittering Christmas experiences.



Transition

The children in Transition enjoyed building on lots of exciting new experiences with Mini Professors and Yoga classes. We have been sharing ideas and taking turns with our new toy cars and interactive displays. Our role play is now Goldilocks' Cottage following on from our family week. Alison even dressed up as Goldilocks! We have also been building on the children's interest in small world play and helping them to develop their imagination further with a car wash, houses and garages.



Kindergarten

During November we have been busy practicing our Nativity Play. The children are all doing so well at rehearsing and we are all really looking forward to the real performance on Wednesday 13th December! In Kindergarten we have also been looking closely at capacity; filling, pouring, emptying and comparing quantity as well as reflection and comparing shiny and dull objects and materials. In December as well as our Nativity performance we look forward to creating beautiful Christmas crafts for our loved ones and we are also hoping to visit a care home to spread some Christmas cheer.

