

Dear Families,



Welcome to our February Newsletter. The children haven't let the cold weather stop them from exploring the community. The Babies and the children in Kindergarten enjoyed a hot chocolate at our local Café, Transition went in the woods to find foot prints linked to the 'The Gruffalo' story and Toddlers have been exploring our local Park.

We would like to welcome Anisha as our new Transition Room Manager and Melissa as our new Baby room Manager. Terri Leigh is back from Maternity leave working in the Transition Room and Baby Room, Mandy has returned and is working with the Kindergarten children. Michelle has join us as a Nursery assistant and Emily (Melissa's twin sister) has become our Modern Apprentice. We will be saying our goodbyes to Lauren in Kindergarten who has a job nearer to her home, we would like to wish her the very best of luck. Kate will be joining the Kindergarten as their new Rom manager.

Annual fee increases will take place from 1st April 2018 and Clare will be working hard to calculate your new fees during February. Fees will increase by 3% (on average 19p per hour) and the Meals & Consumables Charge for Grant funded children will increase by 4p per hour. This year we will be sending the new Fee Information to you by email. If you haven't received your email by 28th February, please let me know. Ideally we would like all our families to pay by direct debit. Please pick up a direct debit form from me next time you are in the Nursery.

We look forward to a busy February with such festivals as Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year and Valentines Day!

Best wishes

Sam Paulton
Nursery Manager



Indoor Outdoor Shoes

We want our children to enjoy outdoor play and experiences whatever the weather. Please bring them in with appropriate clothing for the 'Great British weather'. To support your child making the most of the outdoors, please may I ask you to bring in a pair of wellies/outdoor shoes and a pair of indoor shoes or slippers to change into. Outdoor shoes need to be suitable for walking, climbing and splashing in puddles whilst also keeping little feet warm (oversize or ill-fitting wellies can pose a hazard). Please remember too, to label all items of clothing, including footwear. Many thanks.

Dates for your Diary

- **Shove Tuesday**
13th February
- **St. Valentines Day**
Wednesday 14th
February
- **Nursery Closed for Bank Holidays**
30th March & 2nd April
- **Nursery Photos**
Monday 12th April



Babies

In January Babies have had great fun discovering and exploring all sorts of textures in the room - fabrics, wrapping paper, cardboard and bubble wrap to name a few. They found it all very engaging and exciting! We will continue exploring different textures both inside and outside in the garden throughout this month as well.



Toddlers

In January, we reflected on Christmas, looked at Christmas cards, wrapped and unwrapped presents and made some firework pictures using chalks and glitter. We have been sorting with the Compare Bears and Duplo, sorting them into colours which led us onto also comparing sizes. Our Role Play area has been enhanced with real food and food packages of various sizes which the children have loved exploring.



Transition

Our provocations this month have been about our post Christmas experiences which included wrapping presents, making cinnamon play dough and reading Christmas stories. Transition have also taken a keen interest in "The Gruffalo" which we have followed with a Gruffalo trail in the woods, making Gruffalo crumble and using Gruffalo face masks and costumes in enhance their storytelling experience!



Kindergarten

In the Kindergarten room we have very quickly settled back in after the Christmas break and have been doing lots of exciting things! Some of our focus throughout January has been on Polar Regions; exploring the different animals and their habitats. The story of 'The Three Little Pigs' has also been popular. The children have taken on roles when reading the story and will be performing it to the rest of the Nursery next week. Football has started again and the children have been burning off lots of energy whilst learning about turn taking and developing different ball skills.

