

Dear Families,



## Christmas 2017

Happy New Year to you all and a big welcome to our new families. I hope you had an exciting but relaxing Christmas! I am looking forward to all the different provocations the children and Team will be developing from their different Christmas experiences.

I was so proud of our Kindergarten children at their Nativity performance; they were absolutely amazing! The children also performed in front of the Chilworth Community Choir. The adults even joined in with actions and dancing! All the rooms enjoyed the build up to Christmas with many lovely creative displays. There was an excited atmosphere across the whole Nursery. Thank you to all the families who joined us for our annual Christmas Sing Song, it's always great to finish the year with a get together and lots of traditional Christmas Carols.

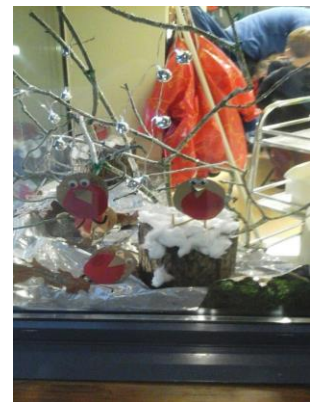
In Team news, we have said goodbye to Chloe from Kindergarten. She has flown off to Australia to become a Nanny and see the world. We are looking forward to hearing from her soon.

Our family evening – 'What to expect? When', is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January from 6.30pm – 8pm. This is an opportunity for you to come and speak to the Team about the Early Years Foundation Stage and what the 'progress so far' assessments mean for you and your child.

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. Once again I wish you all a happy, healthy New Year and hope that 2018 is a great year for us all.

Warm regards

*Sam Paulton*  
Nursery Manager



## Babies

In December Babies got very quickly into the Christmas spirit. They started learning Christmas songs and enjoyed listening to a variety of Christmas music and helped to make a lovely display using large handprints for a Christmas Tree and stockings decorated with cotton wool and glitter. The Babies also went to see Kindergartens dress rehearsal of 'The Wiggly Nativity' which they loved. In January we will continue to take the children for nature walks around Chilworth Manor to see winter in all its glory. We will also build on their Christmas experiences and have fun unwrapping boxes and parcels.



## Toddlers

With their enjoyment of stamping, the Toddlers made Christmas playdough to stamp shapes into and also stamped glittery star shapes to make their Christmas cards. We gave the children the opportunity to explore a Christmas tray with tinsel, baubles, cards and decorations. The children also loved learning some new Christmas songs and enjoyed using props to help with their singing. In January we will be welcoming 6 new Toddlers who are moving up from the Baby room.



## Transition

During December the children in Transition were keen to explore pictures from home, thank you to all our families for the wonderful photo's. Mini Professors have visited us every Wednesday where we have learnt about sinking and floating, growing, sound and balancing, we have continued exploring these things through our provocations. We have also been talking about the weather and made a weather display. We enjoyed creating a frosty window display, linked with all the beauty that surrounds us this time of year.



## Kindergarten

Throughout December we worked hard rehearsing for our Nativity Play and had a brilliant time performing in front of our families. The children also had the opportunity to explore lots of exciting Christmas craft activities from salt dough tree decorations to magic reindeer food! We particularly enjoyed visiting the Village Hall to enjoy a performance from the local choir. In the New Year, we will be welcoming some new children into the room and helping them and their families to settle in. We will also be talking about Christmas and what exciting things we got up to!

