



Dear Families,

We began November with some changes as we said goodbye to Steph who was Room Manager in Kindergarten and Deputy Manager. We wish her all the best in her new role within Yellow Dot. Congratulations to Megan the Transition Room Manager who has been promoted into the role. Ellouise takes on the role of Room Manager in Kindergarten with Mollie and Debbie as her Seniors and Jade takes on the role of Senior Nursery Nurse in Transition. Karen, our Cook of nearly two years, has moved to Ampfield Nursery to support them, we wish her all the best and welcome Shu Er, as our new Cook.

During my holiday in America I got married and am now very happy to be Mrs Jo Hogan. Thank you for all the kind wishes you sent me.

During November the children have been exploring Nursery Rhymes and linking them to their play. To celebrate Nursery Rhyme Week we sang together, made Nursery inspired displays and baked for Children in Need raising £147. Many thanks for your generous contributions. Toddlers have recently made a visit to the Library in Eastleigh to enhance this provocation further.

Please 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 Sarah our Finance Manager.

I would like to take this opportunity to send Seasonal Greetings from myself and the Team. We hope you have an enjoyable time over this holiday period.

Kind regards,

Jo Hogan
Nursery Manager



Home Learning

Nursery Rhymes can help develop language and communication skills from an early age.

There are so many different ways adults can make this type of learning fun, whether this is by using props, music or musical instruments. Creating a fun experience for children will help engage them and they are more likely to sit and participate in the songs

We have been using Nursery Rhymes to entice and excite provocations as the children extend their learning and understanding through real life experiences

Diary Dates

- **Kindergarten Nativity**
20th December 2pm
- **Close for Christmas**
22nd December 6pm
- **Funding deadline**
31st December
- **Re-open**
2nd January

Babies

The children have been busy exploring their new sensory pouches and bottles that the Team have been making. These encourage the Babies to use their senses by looking, shaking and feeling the weight of the bottles. They have also been exploring paint and making marks with bingo dabbers and their fingers as well as using mark making tools. In response to 'Twinkle Twinkle' they explored all things sparkly and twinkly and will extend this exploration with Christmas related items.



Toddlers

For Nursery Rhyme week it was all about 'Old Macdonald' The children enjoyed exploring farm animals, puppets and books. They were making links between the names of the animals, the sounds they make and the habitats they live in. The Toddlers have also been exploring lights and shadows. They have been out to look at the Christmas lights as well as explored torches.



Transition

Transition children have been exploring light and dark as the darker evenings have provoked their interest. We have been looking at fireworks and talking about the fireworks we saw. We have also been exploring printing and how printing can be seen in the wider environment in wrapping paper for example. This month we will continue to explore this as well as begin to develop the skills related to the Froebel occupations such as paper laying/ weaving and making paper chains



Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we have been focusing on building confidence with the children's singing and performing skills through practicing for the Nativity. We have also been building on our teamwork with our new marble run, as we have been able to try and fit the pieces together and take turns in using the marbles. Our Birthday celebrations have also continued this month as we have been making carrot cake with Debbie. In response to the fireworks we experienced we explored sparkly dough and baked firework biscuits during Nursery Rhyme Week. The Kindergarten explored farm animals linked to songs and Rhymes. They then made links between the stable animals in the Nativity talking for example about their habitats. During November the children have been practicing their fine motor skills with cutting, sticking painting and printing. They will be continuing to develop these skills through Christmas associated craft provocations.

