

Dear Families,



January has been a busy month with lots of opportunities for exploring the wider community. We have been out and about to Fleming Park, To the Railway Station, the Library, the Museum and Manor Farm.



On Valentines Day we will be raising money through a cake sale and other fun activities, including a raffle for the British Heart Foundation. This is something very close to my heart and any support you can give will be greatly appreciated. Your continued donations in our BHF bin in the car park is also greatly appreciated.

Annual fee increases will take place from 1st April 2018 and Sarah 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.

Kind Regards

Jo Hogan

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

Diary Dates

- **14th February**
Valentines Day – British Heart Foundation fund raising.
- **13th February**
Shrove Tuesday
- **16th February**
Chinese New Year
- **1st March**
St David's Day
- **30th March & 2nd April**
Closed for Bank Holidays

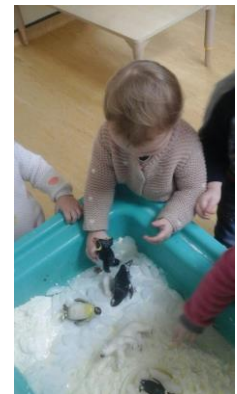
Babies

Babies have been experiencing lots of sensory play such as painting, coloured gloop and play dough. Winter colours have been used to extend visual experiences such as blue, white and grey. Light boxes and torches have been explored to show the differences between light, dark, shadows and shapes. We have had a big push in utilising the outdoors and ensuring the Babies get out and about on a daily basis. The photo on the front page shows the Babies at Eastleigh Train Station. The drivers slowed down and waved as they went past. A real live Thomas the Tank Engine!



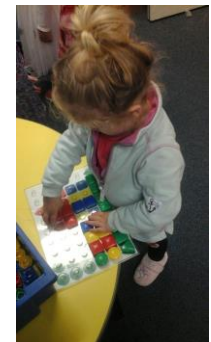
Toddlers

Toddlers have been focusing on different birds and bugs this came about after some play with shredded paper and the children began to build nests. To support this the children have been going out on trips to Manor Farm and Fleming Park. Toddlers have been on a bug hunt in the Garden, looking at books about bugs and making their own bugs out of pipe cleaners. This has been extended further by looking at birds from different environments such as penguins with the use of fake snow and ice.



Transition

Transition have been out and about in Eastleigh looking for shapes in the environment such as square windows. They have also been exploring positional language such as on, under, in front, behind so the Team have been using opportunities in the children's small world play to promote this, such as commenting that 'you have put the cow next to the sheep' The Transition children have also taken an interest in matching objects together and played different types of matching games.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten are looking at Hindu Festivals and linking this provocation with colour and light. We will be using flowers to introduce colour and harmony and different forms of light to look at contrasts and shadows. The children will be making their own kites and looking at different shapes to support their fine motor skills. The children will continue to work on their next steps over the month of February which mostly revolve around recognising numbers, letters and sounds.

