

Dear Families,



Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to sharing a fabulous 2018 with all our families. May I extend a big Yellow Dot welcome to our new families who have just started with us on their exciting Yellow Dot journey.

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.

A highlight of December was the Kindergarten Nativity Play, we were full of pride on the day; what a fantastic and lively performance they showcased. Many thanks to the Team for their hard work and special efforts and also to the Support Team who work behind the scenes to help make the event go so smoothly. The children certainly showed us the magic of Christmas.

Christmas always brings with it lots of wonderful memories and family traditions. We look forward to hearing the stories of their Christmas at home from the children and what memories and traditions of their own they are starting to make.

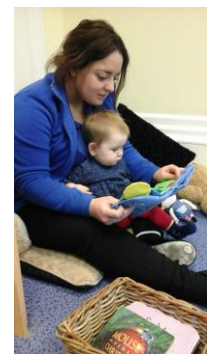
With best wishes for 2018!

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Nursery Manager



Story Sharing

The experience of sharing books between parents and their infants provides a rich context for developing a variety of social skills known to be critical for later learning. Reading the same story over and over again in a caring, social context provides both the degree of repetition and variability necessary for the best learning to take place. Here at Nursery we also make sure we take opportunities for story sharing to help develop close relationships and facilitate learning.



Dates for your Diary

- **Burns Night**
January 25th
- **National Storytelling Week**
January 27th – 3rd
February
- **EYFS Information Evening**
January 25th 6.30 -8pm
(further information will be given)

Babies

During December the children explored Christmas looking at lots of decorations and continuing to fill (sometimes with themselves!) and enjoy emptying pretty and colourful boxes. The children also became very crafty and had lots of fun creating their own special Christmas cards. We all hope you and your family enjoyed the festivities and we look forward to our new year together. In January we are welcoming some new families and will be helping them to settle at Nursery. We will be exploring lots of new experiences with the children such as painting, feeling the sand and experimenting with water.



Toddlers

December brought much excitement in the Toddler room and it was a wonderful time to share Christmas stories and music. The children also enjoyed the shiny and sparkly trappings of Christmas which gave lots of opportunity for discussion. During January we will be welcoming our new Toddlers and helping them learn our routines and feel settled. Our Toddlers have a great love of books and story time so we are going to create some experiences around the much loved story of 'Dear Zoo'.



Transition

During December the Transition children had a fabulous time making all things sparkly and enjoyed sharing their own experiences of Christmas. We look forward to hearing all about what they enjoyed over the Christmas holidays. During this month the children will have the opportunity to explore ice as we see changes in the weather outside. We will investigate our environment and experiment with freezing and frost with experiences which will develop knowledge and understanding and enhance vocabulary.



Kindergarten

December was certainly a proud month for us with our fantastic performance of the Nativity. We would like to say a massive well done to all the children; what an amazing show. They were shining stars on stage and I'm sure they made you very proud too. During December the children were busy absorbing all that Christmas is about and created the most wonderful Christmas cards. The children spent time and really thought about each individual card. Christmas lunch was also served during December which was enjoyed by all the children. As we start the New Year we will be talking about Winter and all the animals which hibernate. As the cold weather sets in we will also guide the children's understanding of freezing and the changes we might see.

