



## Dear Families,

Welcome to February's Newsletter. All our Babies who have moved down into Toddlers are all settled in very well making bonds with their Key People and getting used to their new toys. Our brand new Babies who have joined us over the past month are doing splendidly too!

With the cold weather, please could you ensure that you provide appropriate clothing for your child to explore the garden in all weathers. We ask please that everything is labelled in some way, so it returned to you safely.

We would like to say a warm welcome to Carly our part-time Nursery Nurses in Babies on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. We also have Rebecca our Admin Assistant who is based in the Office and finally Dawn who is joining us as our Lunchtime Nursery Assistant. And Helen has moved from Transition into the Kindergarten Room.

For those of you collecting at lunchtime, please be mindful that collection time is 1pm and it's really important to collect your child on time as the afternoon children are arriving. Please can I also ask that peg pictures stay at Nursery as it is time consuming to make new ones. Thank you.

Best Wishes  
*Clare Ashton*  
Nursery Manager



## Tapestry

A big thank you to all the families who are uploading pictures to Tapestry, for all the team to see what you have been up to over the weekend or during the week when not at nursery. The rooms have also commented about how you have all been contributing to displays by sending pictures in. We hope that you are all also getting the messages we have been putting on tapestry with key information.

## Dates for your Diary

**Pet Week** of 4<sup>th</sup> February

**Chinese New Year**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

**Valentine's Day**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Parents Evening 6pm – 8pm**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

**Shrove Tuesday**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**World Book Day**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

**Photographer**  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 9am-2pm

**Good Friday and Easter Monday we are closed**  
19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April

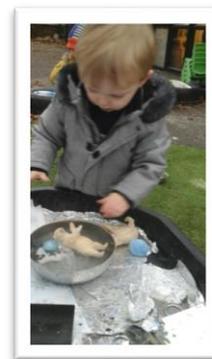
### Babies

We have very been busy settling in all of our new babies this month as well as exploring the community lots. We have just discovered some Alpacas who live near us. Their names are Reggie and Pablo and the babies like to wave to them on their walk! Back at Nursery we have been exploring the season of winter through ice play and looking at artic animals.



### Toddlers

Toddler's have been very busy this month. We have been sharing the story of Stickman and even went to look for him and collect sticks at Itchen Valley Country Park. We then used our sticks to paint outdoors and make our own mini Stickmen. We have also been learning about Arctic animals and using our imagination when playing with the artic animals and using wintery colours in our artwork. The Toddlers really enjoyed exploring ice, feeling how cold it is and watching it melt.



### Transition

The children have been exploring the story of the Gingerbread Man. Some of us went on a trip to the supermarket to buy the ingredients to bake our own Gingerbread men. This helped us to learn the concepts of more and less when weighing out the ingredients. Our imaginations have been used widely when recreating the story as a group.



### Kindergarten

Our provocation, in Kindergarten, this month has been "What the Ladybird Heard" by Julia Donaldson. We have been reading the story throughout the day as well as looking at the different animals in the story. We made biscuits by weighing out the ingredients before cutting them into shapes of the farm animals from the story. We have also been developing our cutting skills and pencil control by making maps just like the one in the story.

