



Dear Families,

WOW, the temperature has really dropped!!

Please can we ask that your children have appropriate clothing as we are an all weather Nursery and are out come rain or shine.

We are delighted to welcome Jane Winkworth, our new Cook. We have moved on to our new menu and are looking forward to trying some new foods and recipes. The Team will be monitoring how well the meals go and then we will review them and change if needed. Please feedback to your rooms as to what your thoughts are.

There are some new faces at Hedge End, Emily Trebilcock has joined us for 2 days a week in our Toddler Room and Hannah White for 3 days a week. A warm welcome to them both.

I am looking at spaces for September 2019 so if you would like to pick up an extra day then please pop into the office so I can put your details down on our waiting list.

There are posters around the Nursery about the Awards of Excellence. This is a Company awards evening for the Team to attend and for you to nominate us if you wish.

Hedge End Nursery celebrated 6 years of opening last month and we enjoyed a sing song and some cake!

Best wishes

Louise Walker

Nursery Manager



Dates for your Diary

- **Chinese New Year**
5th February; Year of the Pig
- **Valentines Day**
Thursday 14th February
- **Pancake Day**
Tuesday 5th March
- **World Book Day**
Thursday 7th March
- **Good Friday and Easter Monday we are closed**
19th and 22nd April

Babies

The babies have been using their hand eye co-ordination when exploring the bubbles. The older babies were up and chasing them. When they popped they said "pop" and clapped. The younger babies were developing their gross motor skills by crawling after them and reaching for them. On these cold, crisp, sunny mornings the sun shines into the room and creates shadows. Lots of waving and babbling occurred with the fascination of finding our shadows.



Toddlers

Toddlers have been really interested in making marks this last month. They have been using water and brushes to make lots of different marks. The children transferred this skill to other areas within the room for example painting with water on the walls out in the garden and using the brushes in the sand. The children pointed to their marks and told us all about them.



Transition

This month Transition have been using the metal detectors. They talked about materials such as wood, paper, stone and metal. The Team explained what they could use to find metal and that when they found some the detectors would beep. So off they went round the room and Nursery to find metal. We heard lots of beeping from around the building!



Kindergarten

Clay, remote control cars, construction straws and play dough are just a few of the other things the children did this month, all keeping them very busy. The children have used the large wooden bricks to create their own tracks. They had lots of races developing the mathematical language of positions and ordering.

