



18th December 2017

Dear Parents,

Wow what a busy and exciting first term!

What we have been learning



It has been lovely to see the children making the most of our outdoor area. We have different types of playdough outside daily, as well as access to our shed full of wood, bricks and den building equipment which the children can access independently. We encourage the children to find ways to develop their physical skills outside and we have recently enjoyed using the adventure playground, making obstacle courses and playing running and chasing games!

Parent involvement

Thank you to those parents who recently joined us at the retirement home with their children for some Christmas singing. The residents loved it and we are hoping to continue this link with the retirement home in the future. I would be grateful if anyone could email any photographs for use on the webpage as I didn't get a chance to take any.

Please let us know if you are able to join us at Kindergarten to share a special interest or tell us about your job. The children are always fascinated!

Next Parent interaction sessions will take place w/c 15th January. The theme will be Maths (through play of course!).

Learning Journey's

You may have noticed that we have recently made some changes to the children's learning Journey's. Previously we completed one detailed observation per month and then added some photographs every couple of months. We will now be carrying out less detailed but more frequent observations. This will mean that paperwork time previously allocated can now be used to carry out more regular small group activities.

Sad goodbyes

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to both Mrs Mason (on 5th January) and Miss Cuciurean (on 12th January) as they are both leaving to pursue their interests in working with older children. They will both be working at different local schools. Mrs Coombe will be taking over the role of key person to Mrs Mason's key children group. Mrs Coombe has previously worked afternoons but is also going to be working 3 mornings per week. All of the children already know Mrs Coombe and so I'm sure this will mean a seamless transition. We have already advertised for a full time member of staff and are hoping to appoint someone early in the New Year to become a key person for Miss Cuciurean's key children group. Can I please reassure you that in the meantime those children in Miss Cuciurean's group will be well cared for by all members of staff. Any concerns please do speak to me. We wish Mrs Mason and Miss Cuciurean well in their new careers.

Extra sessions

Please do ask if you want any extra 'one-off' sessions for your child. If your child attends any extra sessions please provide them with a packed lunch.

Thank you

Thank you for all of the lovely gifts, cards and well wishes we received for Christmas. We all wish you a magical Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you all in January (the 3rd!)

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