



Dear Parent/Carers

21st December 2018

It has been a lovely end to a fantastic term! We have thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas celebrations with the children and their excitement and engagement has been a pleasure to see.



We would like to say a huge well done to all the children. The whole team are very proud of the children as they have worked hard learning the songs, story, signs and a few dance moves, which made the Christmas sing-along really special.



What have we been learning!

We have been focusing on mark making and numbers this term and the children have certainly enjoyed combining and utilising these in their play.

Also, at the beginning of term 2 we began our small group work. Speaking and listening is an extremely important focus in Kindergarten as it lays the foundations for the phonic work which starts in Phase 2. The emphasis during Phase 1 is to get children attuned to the sounds around them and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills. Phase 1 is divided into seven aspects. Each aspect contains three strands: Tuning in to sounds; Listening and remembering sounds and Talking about sounds.



At home, you can continue to help your children become fantastic listeners by:

- Singing and learning nursery rhymes with actions
- Sharing stories together, looking at the illustrations and talking about what is happening in the story. You can bring stories to life by using loud, soft, scary voices etc.



Parent Involvement

- 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!
- Our next parent interaction sessions will take place the week beginning 14th January with a focus on fine motor skills.
- Furthermore, in February, there will be an opportunity for parents to join their child in a Pilate session at school, more details to follow in the New Year.

Reminders and Requests

The children love playing and exploring in our outside area. It is very important that the children bring suitable clothing to wear for outdoor play. As the weather has become colder, please can we ask that you bring hats, scarfs and gloves for your children. Please remember all clothing needs to be labeled with your child's full name.

We would like to enhance the outdoor area to incorporate the children's interests, which, at the moment, are musical instruments and cooking/mixing. We would like to make a sound wall outside and a mud kitchen in the sand area. Therefore, we need old pots, pans, frying pans and any old, large kitchen utensils which the children can use



to mix, transfer and scoop. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Thank you on behalf of us all here at Kindergarten for the lovely cards, gifts and very kind words shared with us at this time of the year, your continued support is greatly appreciated.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year when Kindergarten re-opens on Monday 7th January.

With best wishes

The Kindergarten Team

