

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year. We would like to wish you all an amazing time over the holidays. To help children getting into the holiday spirit we have filled our December with exiting festive based activities and events.

Staff news



We are delighted to inform you that the staff member of the month is Csilla. The others said about her: 'she is always there for us if we need support'

I am delighted to announce that Kirsty Higgs who is the current Senior Supervisor will be

transferring to our Thornbury Nursery and will be taking over the role of Deputy Manager. Kirsty has worked in leadership roles for us and Bright Horizons for some time. She has made a positive impact within Cheswick since she has started earlier on this year and has contributed in driving exceptional quality and service within the nursery.

Therefore I am also delighted to announce that Bethan Hacker has been promoted to Senior Supervisor of Cheswick. Bethan has been with Happy Days for nearly 2 years most of that as a trainee supervisor. Bethan has been awaiting for a supervisory position to come up following a successful training programme at Cheswick. Bethan is an exceptional member of the team and I am sure you will join me in wishing both Bethan and Kirsty every success in their new roles.

Unfortunately I am writing to inform you that it is also with great sadness that we are going to be saying goodbye to Anna Dobroczeck, Anna has been offered an opportunity that will allow her to better balance her work/family life. Anna has been a huge asset to the Adventurers 2 team and we would like thank her for her hard work and dedication over the past 20 months. We wish her every success in her future career.

We will be welcoming Chloe Keyser who will be joined Happy Days at the end of November as Nursery Nurse in Adventurers 2, Chloe brings a range of skills and experiences and is looking forward to fulfil her role as nursery nurse, working closely with staff, children and parents.

New Families:

We would like to wish a warm welcome to all of the new children and their families that have joined us this month. In our Explorers rooms we have Elliot, Coco-Jay, Aidan, Masie-Mae and Emanuel. In our Adventurers room we welcome Cora.

Birthdays:

We have lots of birthdays to celebrate across the nursery this month and they are: **Felix, Penelope** and **Jaxon** will celebrate their first birthday; **Toby** will be turning two; **Mahisha, Yatharth, Joseph** and **Katie** will be turning four.

We wish you all a very happy birthday!



Term Dates for 2017:

Just a gentle reminder that if your child attends on a **term-time only basis**

Term 1: Friday 1st September 2017 to Friday 20th October 2017

Term 2: Monday 30th October 2017 to Monday 18th December 2017

Term 3: Tuesday 2nd January 2018 to Friday 9th February 2018

Term 4: Monday 19th February 2018 to Friday 23rd March 2018

Term 5: Monday 16th April 2018 to Friday 25th May 2018

Term 6: Monday 4th June 2018 to Friday 20th July 2018

If you have any questions relating to your child's attendance, please speak to Helen in reception.

Festivals and special dates for your diary

Christmas Lunch Tuesday 12th December:

We are having specially cooked Christmas lunch by our amazing cook Angela who we also like to say thank you for her hard work.

Christmas event

We would like to invite parents and children to join us for a Christmas celebration on **12th**

December between 530-7

pm. Children will be able to join in to sing a few traditional festive songs with staff members and everyone can join to have some Mince pie, hot chocolate and mulled wine after. You can also decorate some Christmas ornaments with children to



than take them home to add to your Christmas collection.

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 15th December: We would like to invite all children in attendance on this day to wear their best Christmas jumpers along with the staff who will also be wearing theirs



on this day.

Christmas Disco Friday 15th December:

We will be holding a Christmas disco for all our children at Cheswick from 2.00pm until 3.00pm. All children are invited to join in with the festive fun and games. If your child does not usually attend on this day and you would like to book an extra session for them please talk to Jade or Csilla.



Last Day of Term Friday 22nd December: Please may we remind you that Friday 22nd December is the day we close our doors for the Christmas period until the new-year. We will be open again from Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Children in Need

We would like to say thank you for all your generous donations. We have raised £134.



Session drop-off and collection

Please can all parents ensure they are dropping off and collecting their child within their arranged session times. This enables parents to be given the appropriate handover and ensure the rooms remain within appropriate ratios. We feel it is really important to share as much information as possible to promote each child's learning and development. If parents are interested in booking an early start or late collection, additional hours can be booked at the office. Jade, Csilla and Helen are always happy to help with this.

WOW Corner

Please let us know of any special achievements your children may have so we can celebrate at Nursery. Please speak to your key person about completing a wow slip.



What happens if your child contracts a contagious illness:

At Happy Days we work in line with the Health Protection Agency (HPA) guidelines to protect the children, parents and staff by maintaining high standards of cleanliness and personal hygiene practices, particularly that of hand washing routines. At the same time, Happy Days will follow the exclusion periods recommended by the HPA for those children and staff diagnosed with an infectious illness. These recommendations are available from the Nursery Management Team at Cheswick. These guidelines are followed in order to safeguard those children and staff who have not shown symptoms of the contagious illness and at this point the Nursery Manager will strictly enforce the exclusion period. You can find more information relating to this at;

<http://ebookbrowse.net/the-spotty-book-pdf-d538245709>

Home Learning:

Christmas is all about families spending time together. Decorate your home with fun and easy Christmas crafts. Children will love adorning the tree with handmade ornaments, dressing up your front door with a creative wreath, and giving cute DIY gifts to loved ones.

Glittery Mosaic

What you'll Need: different colored construction paper, white poster board (about a 5-inch square), 1 pipe cleaner, pom-pom, glue stick, white craft glue

Make It: Cut the construction paper into one-inch squares, rectangles, circles or any shape children can name (it is also a good time to talk about colors and shapes) . Use the glue stick to attach the shapes until it covers all or almost all of the poster board; alternate the colors and, if you like, leave a small space in-between them. Once the shapes have dried, cut the Christmas ornament from the poster board. Make a loop from the pipe cleaner for the hanger and glue it to the back, at the top of the ornament. Then glue the pom-poms to finish the ornament.



Did you know?

Swapping Sessions

Just a reminder that we are unable to swap your child's sessions. If you require your child to attend on a different day than they normally come in, then please enquire about whether or not we can accommodate this as a paid extra session. We appreciate your co-operation.



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Labelling clothes

Now the weather is feeling colder. Please can we ask that you provide your child with a warm coat, hat and gloves to keep them warm in the garden. Just a reminder to label all of your children's clothing with their names so that they can be easily identified and prevent loss of items, please speak to your child's key person if you have lost any of your child's belongings.

Dual provision

If your child spends time at another setting or with a childminder, we would like your permission to share information to help enable us to support their learning and development. Please speak to your child's key person if your child does or will attend another provision.

Please remember...

Please remember to inform the nursery if your child will not be attending for their booked session. This is to ensure that we can monitor child absences and provide any support needed.

Thank you for your continued support
Jade, Csilla and the Cheswick Village team