



Happy Days

Where Children Shine



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Newsletter

Welcome to our news

Nursery News

We had a very successful Bake Sale with all donations going to Children in Need. Thank you for your support, we raised £293.48

First Steps Mum & Tots Dance - Free Taster Session Wednesday 13th December at 10am - classes are taught Clare Hamilton BA(Hons) LRAD AISTD Dip in an interactive, exciting and fun way, using action songs, fun exercises, pompoms, flags/ fairy wands, shakers and much more. As well as keeping fit, active and having lots of fun, your little one will develop in numerous ways such as Physical development, Co-ordination, Body awareness, Spatial awareness, Confidence, Concentration and Memory. To book a place speak to Karen or Megan

Breakfast with Father Christmas- Saturday 16th December 8.00am Adventurers, 9.00am Discoverers and Explorers, please book your place

Christmas activity week- from 18th December, please see attached poster for more information.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

We are closed for the festive period from Monday 25th December until Monday 1st January inclusive. **We re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2017.** Term time children – you will be notified of your dates by letter

Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Charlotte Andrews is returning to Playbox in the Adventures room as a Nursery Nurse covering the rest of Kate's Maternity leave. Jasmine Pigott became our new Apprentice and Charlotte Abrahams from the Explorers room has decided to step down to supply from December

APPLY NOW TO START PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2018

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, you will need to apply for a school place for September 2018.

The deadline for applications is the 15th January 2018

Baby Sensory- for Mothers and Babies Mondays here at the Playbox to book a place please speak to Karen or Megan.

Baby Massage at the Playbox on Fridays for more information please speak to Karen or Megan.

Stay and Play for babies – We had a great Music Makers with Karenza and a wonderful Crazy Craft with Ceri. The next is 11th Dec Festive Fun with Ceri, to book a place speak to Karen or Megan

Childcare Choices



The government is introducing new ways to help parents with childcare costs. Information about the different options available can be found on the government's new Childcare Choices website at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

You could be entitled to Tax-Free Childcare. Further information can be found at childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/

See if you qualify using the Childcare Calculator at www.gov.uk/child-care-calculator

What have we been up to?

Explorers: The Explorers have been listening to music, dancing and moving to Wake and Shake. We have been out in the Zen Den exploring the Sensory Play using bells, maraca's and light tubes. This last week we have been very busy preparing for Christmas,



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having fun with sand and tinsel play and out helping to create our 'Winter Wonderland' display board.

Discoverers: Throughout November the Discoverers have been exploring colour change gloop as the two colours mixed and encouraged questions such as 'what's that?' and 'what's happening?'. We enjoyed using our hands to feel the texture. We celebrated bonfire night exploring different colours, using paper towels tubes, cut open at the end to create a firework model. We have also been introducing scissors, practicing how to hold them and starting to make small snips in paper

Adventurers: In November we have enjoyed preparing stockings and reindeers for our Christmas wall displays, focusing on scissor control and bubble wrap printing. We played in the Tufty tray with The Bear Hunt props and enjoyed our teddy bears picnic on Children in Need Day with lots of fun in the garden putting our bears on the parachute

Safeguarding, Welfare Requirement and Health & Safety

We always strive to get our children enjoying the wonderful outdoor environment, with this in mind could you please ensure your child comes to nursery with an appropriate coat to wear.

Personal belongings

To help support the staff, please can you ensure that your child's bag and coat is labelled, and where suitable, initials are put into shoes.

Special Days in December

Discoverers: Angus 5th, Jowan 12th, Ava 19th

Adventurers: Lola 6th, Lyla 14th, Lily G 11th, Rosanna 8th, Sofia R 4th



December Birthdays

Explorers: Mia 25th

Discoverers: Lowenna 3rd

Adventurers: Frank 2nd, Ellie 13th, Seren 16th, Charlotte H 18th

Recommend a Friend

The current nursery promotion, 'a friend of yours is a friend of ours' is an opportunity for parents to possibly benefit from up to £100 cash. If you know of a friend in need of childcare and you recommend them and they start at Happy Days then we will give you something back as a thank you for your recommendation.

Please see Karen or Megan for more information.

Would you recommend Happy Days Playbox?

If you are proud to say that your child attends a Happy Days nursery, please spread the word! You can also put in a recommendation by using the following simple steps...

- Go to Google Maps
- Search Happy Days Playbox
- Click on "Write a Review"



Don't forget to follow us on.....



The team and I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New year.

Thank you for your continued support
Karen and the Playbox Team



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