



**Happy Days**

Where Children Shine

# Treloweth

December 2017

# Newsletter

## Welcome to our December Newsletter

### Term Dates

**GRANT FUNDED CHILDREN** will finish on **Friday 15 December 2017** and start again on **Monday 8 January 2018**.

**TERM TIME ONLY CHILDREN** will finish on **Wednesday 20 December 2017** and return on **Thursday 4 January 2018**.

For **ALL YEAR ROUND CHILDREN**, the Nursery will be closed after **Friday 22 December 2017** and will re-open again on **Tuesday 2 January 2018**.

### November Fundraising Events:

We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone for your generosity in supporting the charities that we have fundraised for during November. It is much appreciated both by the Nursery as well as the charities involved.

### ~ Macmillan Cancer Support Cake Day ~

On Thursday 9 November we held a Cake Sale Day. There were lots of yummy cakes and buns to choose from and everyone was very generous with their donations. A big thank you to everyone for helping us raise the grand total of £110.78 towards Macmillan Cancer Support.

### ~ Children in Need Fundraiser 2017 ~



Children In Need 2017

The Nursery turned 'spotty' on Friday 17 November for Children in Need Day! We all dressed up in spotty outfits and had a great time playing different games with balls and hoops and the staff took part in a trampoline challenge. Thank you all for your support and donations.

### ~ Christmas Shoebox Appeal ~

Thank you to everyone that donated a 'Shoe Box' present for children that are in need this Christmas in support of the Samaritans' Purse Charity.

### Christmas Jumper Day

We are going to wear our Christmas jumpers on Friday 15 December 2017 to get in the festive mood for our Christmas Party Event which is later that day – more details of which can be found set out below:

### Christmas Event

We will be holding our Christmas Event on Friday 15 December 2017 from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. You are invited to come along and join us for a festive minced pie and a mulled wine or hot chocolate.



Santa will be dropping in to see the children and will be in his Grotto from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. If you would like to pop along to see him please book a timeslot with the office staff beforehand ☺



### Baby Massage

Our free Baby Massage courses have proven so popular that we are still running two sessions a week! Our January courses are already over half full so if you would like to book yourself onto the course, or know someone who would, please give the office a call to arrange.

### Forest School Groups

The children in Adventurers are really enjoying Forest School Tuesdays every week. As the weather gets colder and wetter we will still be doing the sessions so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately (e.g. hats, scarves, waterproof jackets etc.) for the predicted weather on the day.

Our external parent and child groups will be starting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and is already over half booked. If you would like to join us or know of someone who might be interested, please get in contact with a member of the office time to book your space.

### Explorers

This month we have been getting creative in Explorers. We have had lots of fun with our artwork, making sparkly fireworks pictures with sponges, paints and glitter.

We have also been busy with lots of sensory activities. We made up different sensory trays and filled them with ice, oats, flour and soil. We also explored coloured spaghetti and played with different colours, scented playdough. As another sensory experience we have washed the dollies using water as another sensory material.

We planned a nature walk where we took the children around the garden area, allowing them to explore and investigate in a natural environment.

We collected lots of leaves and twigs to make some lovely autumnal pictures and to put into our tuff trays.

### Discoverers

The Discoverers have had a busy month getting creative. Again our role play has been different themes for the children to experience; they have explored a shop with lots of things to buy, a home to look after our babies and take care of others; and our favourite – a vets. The children were able to bandage up some of our poorly animal teddy bears, take their temperatures and give them medicine to make them better. They even looked at some x-ray pictures to check they didn't have any broken paws.



The Discoverers have also been exploring the instruments and finding their groove! We have played with the instruments talking about loud and quiet, fast and slow and trying to tap along to the beat of a drum – we love to explore sounds! We have also been busy cooking up a storm. The children have made bread, cakes and biscuits.

We love to mix up all of the ingredients and talk to each other about how much we need... do we need more? We have also encouraged the children to talk about what we need to do next which helps them learn to think ahead and plan.



### Adventurers 1

We have had so many learning experiences in our Nature classroom recently – from bug hunting, feeding the birds, smelling the different plants, exploring the area with our magnifying glasses and looking at nature books. This gave us the opportunity to notice different features of objects in the environment, and talk about some of the things we have observed such as plants, bugs, natural and found objects. We really enjoyed exploring in our garden and found the activities really exciting!

We made bread rolls and enjoyed taking them home to show our families (and to eat!). With this activity we were able to manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect, and to observe what happens during and after we mix ingredients together.

We used our senses to explore and examine big ice blocks with our toy bugs inside and watched what happened as it started to melt.



We have also been focusing on numbers and number recognition as we thread with leaves and practiced our fine motor skills and hand to eye co-ordination as we threaded with laces.

We have already started our Christmas craft activities! We have been making lots of lovely Christmas surprises but we will be taking them all home closer to Christmas and we cannot wait to show them to you!! During our letters and sounds activities, our focus recently has been phonics especially with animal phonics. We have been recognizing different animals and talking and sounding out what phonic sound each starts with. This activity has supported us with being able to hear and say the initial sounds in words.

### **Adventurers 2**

This month in Adventurers 2 we enjoyed talking about bonfire night. We chatted about safety and how we should take precautions such as keeping back out of the way and watching with our eyes, and that we must not touch the fireworks or bonfires as they are very, very hot.

We chatted about the different colours that can be seen in the fireworks. We really enjoyed getting creative by making our own firework pictures with flick painting, and drawing with chalks on black paper. We also crafted our own tissue paper rockets.

We have been busy focusing on our School Ready mathematics and writing activities this month. We used our focus week to work on our maths by colour sorting with the compare bears and practicing our counting by building tall towers and counting our bricks. This helped us with representing and recognizing numbers. We also concentrated on holding our pencils in a pincer grip rather than within the whole of our hand.

We have also started thinking about Christmas and have started on some fun festive activities making lots of nice Christmas surprises for our families.

Can we ask parents to bring in clean milk bottles as we are going to be creating our own life size igloo in the role play area for Christmas time in the Adventurers 2 room.

### **Pirates**

This month the Pirates have been having a great time playing group games such as bingo and winning team prizes.

They have enjoyed doing more cooking and have made scrummy rocky roads, peppermint creams and pizza wraps which everyone enjoyed eating very much!

We have also begun to think about Christmas and are looking forward to getting stuck into lots of festive activities and crafts.

Could we ask Pirates parents to collect and bring in clean empty milk bottles also, as we are helping to make the Igloo in the role play area. Thank you ☺



### **December is the birthday month for:**

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following children this month:–

Veronica-Marie who will be 1;  
Evie who will be 2;  
Sonny, Arthur, Jowan, Hollie-Rose, Leo and Timika who will be 3;  
Amelie, Maria-Antonia and Skye who will be 4;  
and Jake and William who will be 7.

**We hope you all have a lovely day ☺**

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## *Childcare Choices*

The government is introducing new ways to help parents with childcare costs and you should have by now been given a letter to sign up using the Childcare Choices website where information about the different options available can be found:

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)



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



**Thank you for your continued support from Vicki,  
Dave and the Treloweth team.**



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