

Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter, we would like to give a warm welcome to our children and families who have recently started with us.

In our Explorers room, we would like to welcome Indi, Sylvie, Maisie – May and Iris. In Adventurers we would like to welcome Teddy, Zoe and Bonnie and Sonny.

Staff news

Our Employee of the Month for January is Kelsey. Kelsey has been nominated by the staff team for “being more confident in the room and carrying out lovely activities with the children.” Kelsey is willing to accept feedback and work towards outcomes and targets. Well done Kelsey!



Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Rebekah Cooper in Explorers 1 who is off to start a new adventure in motherhood. Rebekah will be with us until 20th April where she will then go off on Maternity leave to prepare for her little pink bundle to arrive. Congratulations Beka.



Staff joining our team

We would like to introduce you to the following staff who have recently joined our team.



Emily (Far left – Exp 1 practitioner), ROSE (Second left – Supply staff / lunch cover), Lisa (Second right – Supply Staff), Hira (Far right – Adventurers 1 practitioner).

February Birthdays

We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday!

Happy 1st Birthday to: Freddie and Logan
Happy 2nd Birthday to: Scarlett, Harry, Tommy, Spencer, Evan and Hugh.
Happy 3rd birthday to: Nate
Happy 4th Birthday to: Rauri, Jack, Lucas and Zoe



Term Dates for 2018

Please note, February half term will be from Monday 12th February through to Friday 16th February.

Other dates to remember: There is a bank holiday on Friday 30th March and Monday 2nd April.

If you are term time only family the Easter Holidays start on Tuesday 3rd April through to Friday 13th April.

February Half Term Activities 12th-16th

Join us this half term for extra fun with us at nursery. We will have a variety of extra activities in the nursery for your child to participate in. Keep an eye out for our activity posters; please speak to Dani or Jemma if you would like to book in any extra sessions.

Chinese New Year

We will be carrying out a variety of activities over a couple of weeks to celebrate Chinese New Year, it begins on Friday 16th February 2018

Pancake Day – it's Pancake Day on the 13th February so we will be having pancakes for our afternoon tea.

World Book Day 1st March

Advance warning for a dressing up day! Please join us and thousands of children around the UK in dressing up as a favourite book character. More details to follow.

Easter Event

We would like to invite you to our Easter Event which will be held on Saturday 17th March between 10 & 12:30. There will be a variety of activities going on throughout the nursery along with refreshments. We will also be doing an Easter Egg Hunt.



Baby Sensory

Please note, Baby Sensory will now start on Friday 9th February. This is a free four week programme between 2:30pm and 3:30pm designed for children aged 8 months to 2 years. We will be covering Sound, Tummy Time and Movement, Sight and Touch with messy play, along with Treasure Baskets and Heuristic play. If you are interested or would like to bring a friend along, please let Dani or Jemma know. Pre-booking is essential.

Tax Free Childcare Open Evening

We are holding a Tax Free Childcare Open evening on Monday 12th February between 5:30-7:30. Tax Free Childcare

is a government scheme which can help towards the costs of childcare. If you would like to attend to find out more information please let Dani or Jemma know.

Message from Hilary our Chef. "I have some exciting news to share with you. We have recently been inspected by Environmental Health and have been rated level 5.



I have also made some changes to our menu and we now have lots of new dishes to try. Below is an easy recipe for you to try at home with your little ones in the kitchen. If you would like a print out of any of the new menus please speak to Dani, Jemma, Sally or I".

Recipe of the Month – Red pepper and Tomato Gnocchi



Ingredients you will need:

1tbsp Olive oil, 1 Onion finely diced, 1 Red Pepper, 1 Garlic Clove, 1 Can of Chopped Tomatoes, 500g pack of Gnocchi, 1 Handful of Basil Leaves, half a ball of Mozzarella torn into chunks and a Grind of Black Pepper

Heat your grill to high. Heat the oil in a large frying pan and soften the Onion and Pepper for 5 minutes, then stir in the Garlic and fry for a further minute.

Pour in the Tomato and Gnocchi then bring to a simmer for 10-15 minutes until the Gnocchi is soft and the sauce has thickened.

Season with Black pepper and stir through the torn up Basil and transfer to an oven proof dish.

Scatter with Mozzarella then grill for 5 to 6 minutes until the Cheese is bubbling and golden.

Reminders: Medication

This is a polite reminder to inform parents that when bringing in medicine, please provide a spoon or syringe as appropriate. Please could parents also ensure that any medication signed in at the start of the day will need to be taken home after every session. Please also remember we are unable to give calpol unless it is for pain relief for a short term illness.

Bringing in toys from Home

It has been brought to our attention that some toys children bring in from home are going missing or getting broken. Please could you try to encourage your children to leave their own toys at home, we have lots of resources for the children to use and explore. Thank you

Home learning:

Explorers activity to try at home

Sensory table: For this activity turn a table into something fun and exciting for younger children. You will need cling film (lots of it) and a variety of different art and craft resources such as different colour paints, gloop, pom poms or glitter. Cover the table or surface in cling film ensuring that you cover all around. Add the resources onto the top of the cling film covering most of the surface. Cover the table or surface again with cling film ensuring all areas are covered. The sensory table should now be ready for you to explore. You can talk about the different textures or colours. It is also easy to clear up at the end, no mess!

Adventurers activity to try at home

Mrs Browning had a Box: For this activity turn a box on its side with the opening facing away from the children. One by one place between four and six familiar noisy items (e.g. – set of keys, crisp packet, squeaky toy) into the box, pausing to name them and demonstrate the sound each one makes.

Sing to the tune of 'Old MacDonald' but using the words below:



*'Mrs Browning has a box ee i ee i o
And in that box she has a*

Stop – gesture for each child to listen (Some children need this physical reminder – particularly when they are new to the activity).

Handle one of the objects in the box, out of sight, to make a noise. Ask the children to guess what is making the sound.

When the children are used to this activity – change the sounds in the box – finding some more difficult items (e.g. – a pen clicking, a stapler etc.). You can introduce a wide variety of sounds (and language!) to the children in this way.



Review Happy Days

We would love to hear your feedback, why not go on a submit a review to

www.daynurseries.co.uk



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 inform other parents should your child be absent due to any contagious illnesses.

Thank you for your continued support, Dani, Jemma and the rest of the Happy Days team



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