



**Happy Days**  
Where Children Shine

**Bradley Stoke - December 2017**

# Newsletter

## Welcome to our newsletter

Ho, ho, ho welcome to our December newsletter!

Last month we were very lucky to have been joined by Julie from Specsavers who did a road safety activity with our Adventurers children. She read the children a story and together they talked about the golden rules we must all follow when crossing the road. The children then had pictures to color and crafts and to make. We would also like to say huge thank you to Specsavers who have donated high-vis jackets and glasses for the children to have in their role play areas.

We are very happy with the success of our extra-curricular activities that we had on throughout November. The children thoroughly enjoyed winding down and stretching out with Mandy.



On Friday afternoons the children were able to sing, dance and act with Geri from Debutots.

Keep your eye out for other activities that will be coming our way in the future.



## Staff News:

We have had A LOT of new staff join the Happy Days team recently and we hope you join us in welcoming them. We have Violet and Gemma who are both Nursery Assistants. Zainab is joining us as Lunch Cover and Gemma is joining us as Supply. We also have Charlotte joining us as Nursery Nurse.

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Paris from our Adventurers 1 team who is expecting her first child! Please join us sending our warmest wishes!



## Birthdays:

We have lots of birthdays to celebrate across the nursery this month and they are :-

In Explorers we have Ronnie, Eli, Evelyn, Razeen and Patrick who will

be turning 2. In Adventurers we have Oscar, Elena, Sofia, August and Eva who will be turning 3 and Lydia, Lily, Isabelle and Indie who are all going to be turning 4!

In the team, we also have Sue, our cleaner and Jen who will be celebrating their birthdays too.

Please join us in wishing everybody a big Happy Birthday!

## New Families:

We have had a lot of new families' join us recently. Welcome to Aurora, Lyla-Rose, Patrick, Thomas and Eden who are joining our Happy Days family.

Don't forget if you recommend a friend to come and join our nursery you will get up to £100 debited into your account.

## Dates for the Diary:

### Term Dates for 2018:

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

**Term 3:** Tuesday 2 January 2018 to Friday 9 February 2018

**Term 4:** Monday 19 February 2018 to Friday 23 March 2018

**Term 5:** Monday 9 April 2018 to Friday 25 May 2018

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

## Craft mornings at The Willowbrook Centre



Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December 10am-12pm where we will be located at the Willowbrook Centre doing various Christmas arts and crafts. Christmas cards, calendars, pictures and much, much more.

If you or anyone you know is looking for something Christmassy to do on a Monday morning then come and join in!

## Christmas holidays

We would like to remind parents that the last day of term for children that attend nursery all year round is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. We will be returning to nursery on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and already can't wait to hear about everyone's Christmas and New Year!



## Baby Massage

We have got our next FREE Baby Massage course start Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. If you have a baby or know anyone that has a baby who is between the age of 8 weeks and 12 months and would like to attend, then please get in touch. The course runs for 5 weeks and is from 10am - 11am. We look forward to seeing you!

## Baby Sensory

We have now got the dates for our next baby sensory course. Starting Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> for 5 weeks we will be getting in touch with your babies senses through sight, sound, touch and smell. If you have a baby or know anyone that has a baby who is between the age of 8 weeks and 12 months and would like to attend, then please get in touch.

## Debutots

After the success of November's extra-curricular sessions we have decided to ask Geri to come back to deliver a one-off Christmas session. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of December your children are invited to enter a very magical world



through song, story and dance. If your child is not in nursery on this day and you would like them to attend then please speak to Emma or Jen for more information.

### 30 hour funding

If your child is eligible for grant funding as of January 2018 and you would like to use the 30 hours funding then please make sure that you apply before the 15<sup>th</sup> December and return your 11 digit code along with your NI number as soon as possible to guarantee your chosen session for the next term. **Don't forget to refresh your code for the next term. To do this, visit the childcare choices website.**

### Tax Free Childcare

Don't forget that you can sign up and start using Tax Free Childcare whenever you like. We ask that as soon as you have applied and have your account number that you let us know as soon as possible, along with the date that you would like to start paying your bill through your Tax Free Childcare account.

**For any more information on the 30 hours and Tax Free Childcare then please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)**

### Christmas jumper day

We are inviting all staff and children to wear their best



Christmas jumper's on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. What would the Christmas festivities be without getting out your favorite jumper!

### Home Learning:

With all the leaves now fallen off the trees and the weather definitely colder, why not think about our feathery friends this winter!

Gather Mums, Dads, Granny's and Grampa's out make these delightful bird feeders to stick out on the trees and bushes.

You will need:

- Lard
- Bird seeds
- Christmas cutters (Or any type of cutter)
- String

Start by mixing together the lard and the bird seeds. Then pat the mixture in the cutters, not forgetting to make sure you put a bit of string in the top. Let the mixture hard and remove from the cutters. Place on trees and bushes in your local area to feed the birds this Christmas!

### Adventurers Christmas craft afternoon

The afternoons of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December Jen will be holding a Christmas crafts afternoon for the

Adventurers children. Music, collages and mini Santa's it is set to be a festive afternoon!

There are limited spaces available so book your child in as soon as possible!

### Stretch & Grow

We are very pleased that we will be joined on the 15<sup>th</sup> December by Linda from Stretch & Grow. Linda uses different types of music and dance moves to engage the



children and bring out their creative side. If you would like to child to attend this fun

filled session then please do not hesitate to book them in for the afternoon!

### Christmas Dinner

On December 20<sup>th</sup> we will be having our annual Christmas dinner! During this festive time the children will sit down together within rooms and enjoy a delicious meal cooked by our chef and even get to pull a cracker or too.



It's never too late for your little one to get involved, so come and speak to Emma or Jen to get them booked in today!

### Children in Need

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone that donated and got involved by wearing something spotty for Children in Need. The children had a fantastic day, especially getting to eat the Pudsey cupcakes they made. We raised £40 to go towards helping those who need that little extra help.



### Please Remember:

#### Colder Weather

With the weather definitely taken a colder turn we would like to remind parents to ensure that the children are coming to nursery in the appropriate clothes. Don't forget those coats and wellies to ensure that the children are staying warm and dry during outside play.

#### 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.

#### Swapping Sessions

Please can we remind parents that we are unable to swap any sessions. You may book in additionally but we cannot swap regular sessions for a different day. Thank you.

**Thank you for your continued support  
Emma, Jen and the Bradley Stoke Team**

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