



# Happy Days

Where Children Shine



# Thornbury



## December 2017

# Newsletter

### Welcome to our newsletter

Welcome to the December edition of our newsletter.

### Upcoming Events

#### Tinsel for Tots

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Join us and wear your tinsel with pride and raise money for sick children and babies across the South West and beyond.



#### Parents Evening Adventurers.

We have parents evening for all children in the Adventurers rooms on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm. Please see your child's key person to book an appointment.

#### Christmas Carols.

We are having a festive social evening where we would like to invite all families into the nursery for the opportunity to sing some Christmas carols and have a catch up over refreshments on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.



#### Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the morning. If your child is not booked in on this session and you would like them to join us for Lunch then please see Kirsty or Sam to book in for an extra session.



#### Christmas Craft and Party Day

We will be having a Christmas Party and Crafts on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 1-6pm. If your child is not booked in for that session and you would like them to join in with these festive activities then please see Kirsty or Sam to book in for an **extra session**.

### News Flash!

#### Children in Need

A massive thank you to everyone who donated to our Pjama day for children in Need we raised a huge **£91.64**



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

Maia, William and George who will be 2!  
Sylie who will be 3!



### Happy Days Thornbury Team

#### New Staff Team

We are delighted to welcome Kirsty to our team as Deputy Manager, Kirsty has been working with Happy Days for the past year as part of the management team at Cheswick and is looking forward to working at Thornbury getting to know the staff, children and parents.

We would also like to welcome Vicky to the Nursery. Vicky has joined our Adventurers 2 team and will be working alongside Bradly, Elle, Claire and David. Vicky has over 16 years' experience in early years and we are very excited to have her join our team.

We are currently recruiting for level 3 practitioners and an apprentice. If you know anyone that might be interested in joining our team please get in touch.

### Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Claire J!  
Who has been voted employee of the month for being a lady of many talents and supporting the team in a variety of ways.

### Safety and Legal Requirements

We would like to remind our parents of the importance of car seats for your children and ensure that all children are safe. It is a legal requirement that all children travelling in a vehicle are in an appropriate seat. Please see the link below, which will explain appropriate seats for your child.

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

### Dropping off and collecting your child

We would like to remind parents that at busy times of day it may take a while for a member of staff to get to you for feedback. It is important to us that all children are engaged and supervised at all times so we ask that only one member of staff feeds back to parents at any time. Please feel free to enter the room and



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have a little play with your child whilst you are waiting for feedback. Thank you for your patience.

Please can we remind parents to be mindful of session times. Sessions run from 7am-5pm or 8am-6pm for full days and 8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm for half days. Please can we ask parents to ensure that they stick to these times to ensure that we have the correct staff to child ratio and you can receive feedback and ask any questions about your child's day.

## Did you know?

### Facebook.

We regularly post photos, events and updates on our Facebook page. Why not follow Happy Days Bristol & Bath to keep up to date with what we are doing. <https://www.facebook.com/Happy.Days.Bristol/> If you would like to see photos of your child on the Facebook page then please see Kirsty or Sam who will ensure that we have the correct permissions from you. In addition we have a "Facebook like" competition where one person per month who has liked our page is chosen to win a £50 amazon voucher so be sure to invite all your family and friends to like us too.



### 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.

### 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 also see our lost property at the front to see if there are any of your child's belongings.

### Term Dates

Just a gentle reminder that if your child attends on a term-time only basis who are grant funded:  
Term 3: Tuesday 2nd January 2018 to Friday 9th February 2018

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

The last day of term for grant funded and term time children will be the 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you require **extra sessions** to help out at this busy time of year, please speak to the office staff.

We will be closed over the Christmas period with our last day being 22<sup>nd</sup> of December and reopen on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2018.

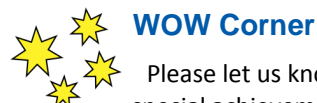
## Adventurers News



In Adventurers we would like to welcome Lexie-Mae, William, Anna, Annabel, Sonny, Olivia, Reuben and Lucy into the rooms who have all settled in really well. The children in Adventurers have been enjoying motor skills activities. We have been using rollers, sticks, Paintbrushes and tweezers in activities such as playdough and painting to develop motor skills.

## Explorers News

In Explorers, the children have been enjoying the garden and the exciting activities that have been going on out there we now have a new story corner, planting, chalking, channelling and sensory activities available every day.



## WOW Corner

Please let us know of any special achievements your children may have so we can celebrate at Nursery.

This month the following children have:

Molly EXP: Is now walking independently ☺

Jack W: ADV can count a quantity of objects and find the matching numeral.



**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!**

**From Sam, Kirsty and the Thornbury Team**



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