



Happy Days
Where Children Shine

Bradley Stoke - January 2018

Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome to our January newsletter! We are so happy to welcome you back after what has been a very exciting time of year; we can't wait to hear all about your holidays!



December brought lots of fun and laughter with Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Party, Debutots and Stretch 'n' Grow joining us, craft morning's at the Willow Brook and lots and lots of glitter, glue and

making within the rooms!

The New Year brings a new term for our Smart Start children. We have placed new targets to work towards in their Learning Gardens as we edge ever so closer to them starting big school! Don't forget to keep an eye out for the Smart Start emails to keep you updated on what they will be doing in nursery.



Staff News:

January is a very exciting time for Explorers supervisor, Megan Bloomer as January 12th she begins her maternity leave. Megan is due early February and we are very excited for her!



With Explorers losing their supervisor we are very excited to tell you all that Katie Lee has been promoted to the new supervisor of the Explorers room. Please join us in wishing Katie a huge congratulations!

We are sorry to announce that due to personal circumstances Samuel Howland has decided to leave Happy Days. He will be missed within the nursery but we wish him all the best in the future.

As an ever growing nursery we are starting the new year with a few new members of staff. Joining us this month we have Gemma who is going to be a supply member of staff, Helen who will be part time in Explorers and Denise who will also be part time in our Adventurers rooms.

We hope you will join us in welcoming them to our team!

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

New Families:

We have had a lot of new families' join us recently. In Explorers we have Samuel, Milena, Aurora and Florian and

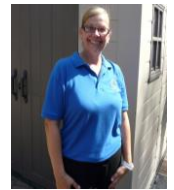
in Adventurers we have Lola, Myles, Luca, Archie and Patrick. Welcome to Happy Days!

Employee of the month



December's employee of the month goes to our very own Manager Emma! Emma won by a landslide this month for being supportive, caring and understanding towards the staff all the time.

Manager's Choice Employee of the Month goes to Mandy. Mandy is always so engaging and animated when she is with the children, even making us want to join in her activities!



Please join us in congratulating both Emma and Mandy!

Birthdays:

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

In Explorers we have Fox, Henry and Samuel turning 1, then Nicholas, Willow, Chloe, Jenson, Haveron-Junior and William who are turning 2.

In our Adventurers room we have Gracie and Malayah turning 3 and Seb, Ava and Sonny turning 4!

We also have Lynn who will be celebrating her birthday this month too.

Please join us in wishing all of our friends a very happy birthday!

Adventurers 3 has arrived!

Here at the nursery we are ecstatic that we are finally able to open Adventurers 3! The room has been fully kitted out with brand new furniture and resources, allowing the children



who will be going into Adventurers 3 the best start possible. Eventually the new resources will be shared around the nursery to give all the children a chance to have a play with them, so make sure you keep your eye out!

Language of the month



Some of you may have noticed that over the past couple of months we have been celebrating a different language each month. So far we have experienced Spanish, Welsh and French. In each newsletter we

will keep you updated on what the new language of the month will be. **January's language is Greek.** If you or

anyone you know speaks Greek and would like to get involved then please speak to Emma or Jen.

Baby Massage

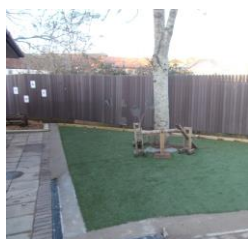
We have got our next FREE Baby Massage course start Wednesday 10th January. The course runs for 5 weeks and is from 10am -11am. We look forward to seeing you!

Baby Sensory

Starting Monday January 15th for 5 weeks we will be getting in touch with your babies senses from 10am – 11am. Please get in touch if you would like to be booked on to the course.

Green, green, grass

After waiting for what seemed like forever, the Adventurers garden is now finally finished! The Astro-turf has been laid and the bark distributed to enhance the outdoors provision that is provided by Adventurers 2 and 3.



This month we will be investing in new resources for the outdoor area for your little ones to enjoy.

School places for September 2018

Just a reminder to all parents whom have children making the big transition to big school in September 2018 of the important dates regarding school admissions.

The on-line application form will be available for completion: <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

The closing date for all applications is **15 January 2018**. If you miss this date your application will be 'late' and you will reduce the likelihood of receiving an offer at one of your preferred schools. Offers of a school place made to parents/carers resident in South Gloucestershire will be on **16 April 2018**.

Parents/carers must reply to offers made by **30 April 2018**

30 hour funding

If your child is eligible for grant funding as of April 2018 and you would like to use the 30 hours funding then please make sure that you apply before the 23rd March and return your 11 digit code along with your NI number as soon as possible to guarantee your chosen session for the next term.

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

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Nursery cook

We are looking for a new cook to join our team here at the nursery. If you or someone you know loves to cook and enjoys making healthy homemade meals the please get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you very soon!

Home Learning:

We have found a very exciting activity to support your child's colour recognition. All you need is:

- Different coloured boxes with lids (preferably see through)
- A Knife
- Various coloured buttons



Using the knife, cut a rectangular hole through the lid, making sure it is big enough to fit the buttons through. Encourage your little one to slot the buttons into the corresponding boxes. This is perfect for the older ones who are getting ready for school.

For the younger children, they will love the sensory aspect of this activity by shaking the boxes and hearing the buttons rattle inside.

Family books

To assist in the settling in process we think it's a good touch to make family books for the children so when they are feeling a little bit sad they can talk about their families and be re-assured by the pictures. Stacey would like to make these for the children that are starting in Adventurers 3. Please could you bring in pictures of your little one and their family?

Ahoy, Captain!

Throughout December the children in Adventurers 1 took a keen interest to all thing Pirates! Ellie and the team have decided that they are going to change their role play area to a pirate ship. If you have anything pirate at home that you wouldn't mind letting the children borrow/donating to the pirates to use in their new ship, they would be very grateful!



Please Remember:

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**