



 **JANUARY NEWSLETTER** 



**Aimee, Day Care Manager**

Happy New Year and welcome to all our new parents this year. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that you are feeling refreshed.

If you have any photos or videos of your Christmas, I would be grateful if you could add them to your child's Tapestry so we can see what you have been up to.

I have a few dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Parents Evening

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – Red Nose Day

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Pre-School Leavers Parents Evening

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Summer BBQ.

Pre-School Sports Day, Children In Need, Christmas Carol Service and other events, dates and times will be confirmed nearer each event.

If you would like to book appointments with your key worker then please see the form outside your child's room.

If I can help with anything please do not hesitate to speak with me!



**Alice, Babies and Toddlers Manager**

Happy New Year! For the start of January Babies and Toddlers are exploring Winter. We are exploring cold textures, artic animals and icy colours. The children will be painting with ice cubes exploring icebergs and stepping on crunchy frosted leaves outside in the cold weather (please provide outdoor wear as we like to go outside every day).

The babies and toddlers are also going to help make and play with scented and textured playdough, we will be extending our physical development by poking, squeezing and manipulating the dough. We are also going to be working on self-recognition to build self-confidence and awareness. We will be doing this by using our sensory mirrors and using photos of the children printed out around the room. The children will also benefit through this by managing their feelings and behaviour and making relationships by recognising friends.

If you haven't already please bring in your family photos for us to make individual family books for each child, these can be emailed in or prints that you do not mind being laminated. Studies show that babies self-awareness and sense of belonging develops well with the use of photos; these family books are also reassuring and calming for an upset child.



**Claire, Tiddles Manager**

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas. This month our theme is Winter; we will be looking at Winter all over the world, taking part in lots of sensory activities, including making and exploring our own snow. There will also be lots of creative activities based on Winter and the North Pole. Keep an eye out for your little Eskimos on our display board.

At the end of the month we will celebrate Chinese New Year; this year is the year of the Rooster. We will be making lanterns and will look at the different ways in which the Chinese people celebrate and of course try some tasty Chinese food.



## **Sarah, Littles Manager and Deputy Day Care Manager**

Welcome to January 2017! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and managed to take some photos to upload onto your child's tapestry page, we would love to see them.

This month we will be having our theme around snow, winter, winter animals and the colours silver and white. We will be making a snowman number display. We will also be making white and silver snowflakes to hang from our ceiling and white paper chains. We will be using our Ipads to look at cold countries around the world and how people live in such cold conditions, what clothes do they wear and what types of food do they eat?

We will be making our own vegetable soup in Littles. The children will learn about what types of vegetables we are using, how they are grown and harvested and of course we will be tasting it once it is made.



## **Lynn, Pre-School Manager**

Welcome back after the Christmas break we hope you had a lovely time.

This month our theme is Winter and Arctic animals. We will be learning about the different types of Arctic animals, Eskimos and Igloos. Our Crafts will include making Arctic foxes, Penguins and Snowmen and we will be exploring lots of sensory play including Ice, 'Snow paint' and 'Snow dough'.

Our focus Countries this month are Australia and China. Celebrating Australia day on the 26<sup>th</sup> by creating flags, looking at Australian landmarks and finding out what animals live there. We are also celebrating the Chinese New Year on the 29<sup>th</sup>. We have lots of activities and crafts planned and will taste some Chinese food too!

We would like to thank you for attending our Christmas carol service at the Flicka Foundation. We raised £217.00 in total for this wonderful charity.

Please take a look at your child's Tapestry journal on line. You can contribute to it by telling us what they enjoy playing with, places they visit or if they attend sport clubs or dance classes. Feel free to talk to myself or a member of staff if you have any questions.

**Reminder: If your child is due to start school in September the closing date to apply is 15<sup>th</sup> January.**



## **Allana, Out of School & Holiday Club Manager**

Welcome back and happy New Year! As January has landed and everybody loves a new year's resolution, in after school we are going to be changing it up a little bit and talk about our hopes and dreams! We will be making a new display to go by our creation station with all of our hopes and dreams for the future.

We will also be following a Winter theme. We will be organising some lovely wintery activities starting with making some snow dough and trying to build some igloo's using some sugar cubes, then experimenting in what will melt our igloos the fastest.

We have made some changes to our planning, each week we will be choosing a topic from the children's choosing on our new 'topic ideas' board and finding activities to base around that topic. We have some lovely wintery cooking activities planned too. Starting with making melting snowman biscuits, we will also be making some polar bear peppermint creams and something of the children's choosing.

Look out for our February Half Term Holiday Itinerary which will be ready soon...!