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Welcome Back!

We hope that you all had a lovely half term break. While we were all enjoying a break from nursery school building work was carried in the Rainbow Room. Double doors have replaced the end window so that the children now have direct access to the Apple Garden. This will help to improve the provision by giving the children the opportunity to access the outside garden for longer periods throughout the day. Please can we remind parents to make sure that the children's coats, wet weather suits, wellies and shoes are all named. It is very easy to muddle multiple outfits when they are not labelled. We do our best to teach the children to take responsibility for their belongings. Please support us by encouraging your child to recognise where their peg is and hang up their own things. This early independence is empowering for young children and helps to build their confidence and self-reliance.



Congratulations to Debbie our cook!

Last month 12 businesses/settings in Exeter were awarded the highest possible food hygiene rating by the Foods Standards Agency. Once again Debbie's kitchen has come out on top and been awarded a five star 'very good' rating.

Well done Debbie.

Last term

Last term the children enjoyed going out on a traffic watch and putting their knowledge of vehicles to the test as they recorded which vehicles passed them on Burnthouse Lane. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this trip, it was a fun event.

We also celebrated Just One Tree Day. Thank you for all your donations , we raised ..... Which will be donated to the Just One Tree Charity and help the forests to grow!





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Dates for the diary

Wednesday 18th November - **Allocations** being made for January. If you are hoping to change sessions next term please make sure your change of session form has been handed in before this date.

Wednesday 25th November - **Toilet Training workshop** @ 9.15am for parents and carers to support with toilet training – come to main entrance

Music Week @ Chestnut

Are you musical? Do you sing or play and instrument? If so, would you be willing to come and share your talents with the children?



Wednesday 9th December - **Chestnut Nursery School Christmas Sing-along** event with Exeter university Brass Band Ensemble. This event is for parent/carers and children. It will take place in the afternoon. Details of exact timings to follow.

Friday 11th December - **Poco Drum** will be visiting the setting, singing and playing music for the children on his guitar

Wednesday 16th December -**Christmas Dinner** day for children and staff, if your child has packed lunch and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner please let the office know

Thursday 17th December - **Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 18th December - Last day of term

Wednesday 6th January - First day of new term



Labelling belongings

As well as labelling the children's clothing and shoes please can we remind parents/carers to label lunch boxes and drinks bottles. We have several children with allergies and teach the children about the importance of not sharing food with each other. Labelling lunch boxes and drinks helps us to ensure there is no doubt around matching the correct child to their lunch box, especially when two children have the same design. Thank you.



Last month's gallery

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The Rainbow Room makeover! What a difference the new doors have already made to the room. The children are loving being able to access the garden throughout the day.

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