

## Welcome

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas! We are looking forward to welcoming back all our wonderful children and families and are excited to see new faces joining our nursery.

The staff team at Toad Hall Crawley will be supporting each child's transition back into nursery and we will be focused on key person activities, spending time together to settle the children back in.

## What have we been up to...

### Hedgehogs

During the month of December, Hedgehogs developed their fine motor skills by taking part in activities involving spoons, paintbrushes and other small resources; this also supported the children to learn to self feed. The babies also took part in lots of Christmas messy and sensory play!



### Butterflies

The children took part in many Christmas arts and crafts last month! The children showed an interest in their peers, so we spent time role modelling positive interactions between the children and encouraging small group activities to play alongside one another.

### Little Toads

Toddlers explored wintery themed tuff trays as they have shown an interest in small world play. The children created their own Christmas ornaments to take home too.



### Owls

The Preschool children enjoyed role playing Toad Hall's Christmas Bonanza Light Switch on. They pressed the on button on the Christmas tree lights and counted down!

Owls enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts including making their own cardboard sleigh! Preschool had visits from the library, which they were very excited about!



## Parent Notices

A polite reminder, please use the bays outside of the nursery when parking and not the staff car park.

Please could you ensure that buggies are being folded in the buggy shed.

Please can we kindly ask that you are providing suitable wet weather outfits, such as all-in-one wet suits and welly boots as we do try to access the garden in all weathers!

Thank you!

## Nursery Events

Date	Event
1 <sup>st</sup> January	New Years Day (Closed)
24 <sup>th</sup> January	International Day of Education
31 <sup>st</sup> January	National Story Telling Week

## Recipe of the Month - Carrot and Date Slice



(Serves 6-8)

### Ingredients

Self Raising Flour – 250g  
Oil – 70 ml  
Carrots (grated) – 200g  
Apple – 1  
Egg - 3  
Butter (melted) – 50g  
Dates – 150g  
Raisins - 75g  
Baking Powder- 1 tsp  
Cinnamon – 1 tsp

### Method

1. Set oven to 180 C and line a baking tray.
2. Pour boiling water over the dates and leave to soak while you measure out the ingredients and grate the carrot and apple.
3. Drain and finely chop the dates
4. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs together with the butter and oil. Add the grated carrots, apple, dates, raisins and mix well.
5. Pour in the flour, baking powder and cinnamon and fold in.
6. Scrape into the lined tray and bake for 40-45 mins.

Kind Regards  
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