

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our December newsletter! November was a wonderful month, the children have been busy learning, exploring, and having lots of fun. Take a look at some of the highlights from last month, as well as the exciting things we have planned for the next month.

What's to come...

We are excited to be helping to switch on the Horley Town Lights again this year. We have been invited to sing carols around the tree at 4.30 pm. Please let us know if you would like to join us with your child. Due to a lower ratio when leaving site, we will only be able to take a small number of children. If it's your child's normal day and you would like to come and watch, can we please ask you to arrive at nursery at 4pm and walk over with us.

January brings some room changes for many of our children. Throughout December they will be having settles in their new rooms and building bonds with their new Key Workers. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding room moves.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs celebrated Bonfire Night by creating fireworks using paint. They also celebrated Nursery Rhymes Week by exploring a variety of tuff tray activities based around different nursery rhymes. Hedgehogs created poppies for Remembrance Day and yellow bears for Children In Need.

Butterflies have been enjoying using their new dressing up and creating their own new looks, from tiaras and wands to masks and capes. They have also been starting their Christmas crafts, getting ready for the festive period, with lots of paint, pens and of course plenty of glitter!

Little Toads have been getting ready for Christmas. They have been making Christmas crafts, exploring through messy activities and joining in with small world play of arctic animals. They have also been exploring their favourite stories through role play, puppets and story sacks.

With the weather changing **Owls** have been outside exploring in the garden. The staff have been encouraging the children to put on their coats themselves and supporting them with their zips. They have also been busy making Christmas decorations, ready to decorate their room for Christmas.



Parent Notices

Christmas Family Fun Day

Please save the date for our upcoming Christmas Family Fun Day on Saturday 13th December. We will be holding lots of stalls and activities, with food and drink available. All money raised will go to the charity WellChild.

There will also be some local businesses holding stalls for your last-minute Christmas presents.

Reminder – Winter clothing

Please can you ensure you are sending your child in with appropriate clothing ready for the garden. We still access the garden no matter what the weather.

Staff updates

We are sad to announce that Sophie will be leaving us at the end of December. We know you will all join us in wishing her the best of luck in her future.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
1 st December	Dress up in festive wear – donations of sweet jars, chocolate, etc
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – cash donation to the charity – Save the Children
11 th December	Christmas Light switch on in town
12 th December	Christmas PJ day – donations for our cake stall – homemade treats, shop brought cakes, cookies, biscuits, mince pies etc.



Recipe of the Month – Parsnip, Butterbean & Apple Soup

(Serves 4-6)



Ingredients

Parsnips – (peeled & diced) – 500g
Potatoes (chopped) – 3
Onion – (roughly diced) – 1 whole
Carrot – (roughly diced) – 2 whole
Garlic clove – (chopped) – 4 cloves
Butterbeans – 1 can
Apples (cored and chopped) – 2 whole
Veg Stock – 1 cube
Rosemary – 1 tsp

Method

1. In a large pan, sweat the onions and garlic until cooked (but with no colour) in a bit of butter.
2. Add the carrots, potatoes and parsnips and apples.
3. Fill the pan with water to a level just above the vegetables.
4. Add butterbeans.
5. Bring back to the boil and then allow to simmer until all the ingredients are soft.
6. Blend to a smooth consistency.
7. Serve with half a baguette.