

## Welcome

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas, and we are looking forward to hearing all about it on your return. December was a busy month. Take a look at some of the highlights from last month, as well as the exciting things we have planned for the month ahead.

## What's to come...

### Family Fun Day rescheduled

It was a hard decision to have to cancel our Christmas Family Fun Day in December, but it was the right choice as we had so many poorly families.

We have now rescheduled this for January 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding a pyjama day in January to raise donations for the cake sale we will be having at the Fun Day. These can be home made or shop brought. Thank you for all your kind donations in the lead up towards Christmas.



## What we have been up to...

Last month **Hedgehogs** got into the Christmas spirit by creating different crafts for their families. They explored sensory tuff trays using paint brushes to brush the rice and find Christmas objects underneath. They celebrated Christmas Jumper Day and made their own jumpers too! The staff and children enjoyed the Christmas Party, exploring ice painting and celebrating with friends and family.

**Butterflies** loved exploring lots of Christmas arts, crafts and messy play. They were practising their Christmas songs all month to sing to their parents at their Christmas Party. The children loved playing with the fake snow, making party crowns and making a Santa wish list to send to the North Pole.

**Little Toads** explored a variety of Christmas activities such as Polar Express with fake snow, cornflour and hot chocolate. They loved the Christmas dinner day and joining in with friends and family at the Christmas Party.

**Owls** were busy learning Christmas songs in their Spanish class alongside their Christmas songs they sing during circle time. They explored lots of creative activities full of festive cheer and have enjoyed making lots of playdough gingerbread men.



# Parent Notices

## Buggy shed

The new buggy shed will be being built in the beginning of January. Please continue to bring your buggy inside until it is ready.

## Reminder – Car Park

Please be patient when entering and exiting the car park. There are some periods busier than others and we appreciate this can make it harder. Please ensure you check for spaces in the car park before parking along the driveway. This is to ensure the safety of everyone entering and exiting the car park, as well as walking through.

## Emergency Contacts

Please can you take the time to review your child's profile and ensure they have at least 2 emergency contacts that are not the child's parent. This is for us to be able to meet the new statutory framework changes. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Day take away breakfast
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Vvalentine's Day stay and play
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Pajama day for cake donations
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Rescheduled Family Fun Day



## 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.