

# Walton-on-Thames Newsletter



Toad Hall  
Children's Nursery

## Welcome

Happy New Year and thank you for taking the time to read our January newsletter! December 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 January.



## What's to come...

January will be full of creativity and fun as we welcome everyone back from the Christmas break.

This month we will be celebrating Australia Day and Winnie the Pooh Day with lots of fun filled activities.

## What we have been up to...

**Hedgehogs** spent December celebrating Christmas. They made salt dough creations for their loved ones, explored hot chocolate sensory gloop and enjoyed painting with baubles. They enjoyed their Christmas lunch and their Christmas party.

**Butterflies** have been celebrating Christmas through December. They painted snowflakes and Christmas decorations. They enjoyed their Christmas lunch and had lots of fun at their Christmas party where they had a visit from Father Christmas. They have been planting garlic in the allotment and looking after it.

**Little Toads** had lots of fun in December, with lots of Christmas tuff trays and Christmas crafts, making lovely bits for their families. They really enjoyed their Christmas lunch and Christmas party with a visit from Father Christmas and an elf!

**Owls** have been enjoying lots of Christmas crafts. They visited a local care home and sang the Christmas carols that they had been practicing to the residents. They also enjoyed singing the carols to all their families. They children enjoyed getting into the festive spirit by decorating their own Christmas tree in the garden.



# Parent Notices

## EYLOG

Please ensure your child has at least two emergency contacts (additional to the main parents/carers) on their EYLOG. Can we please also ask you to check all the permissions on your child's profile.

## Reminder – bring in warm clothes!

Now winter has arrived, please remember to pack some warmer layers for your child. Please make sure your child has a warm coat for the garden and suitable shoes for all weathers. Please also remember to name all your children's clothing.

## Immunisations

Please be reminded that we cannot accept children into nursery after they have had any immunisations, including the flu nasal spray as per Toad Hall policy. Children can return the next day.

# Dates for your diary

Date	Event
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Nursery opens
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Australia Day – wear green, yellow and gold
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Day Tea party, 3-5pm
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day dress up
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Tea Party, 3-5pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Party, 3-5pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St. Georges Day tea party, 3-5pm



# 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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