

# Chessington Newsletter



## 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 December.

## What's to come...

December will be full of magic and creativity as we prepare for Christmas.

This month we will be holding our Christmas party, Christmas lunch as well as other exciting festive activities.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will be having our Christmas light switch on! It would be great to see you all there to kick off the festive season.



## What we have been up to...

**Hedgehogs** have enjoyed developing their communication skills and vocabulary as they read stories together. The children were encouraged to identify familiar objects and repeat familiar words, said by their key person. The children have also been developing their gross motor skills in the garden as they climbed and rode the bikes. This also supported the children's turn taking skills too.

**Little Toads** have been developing their colour recognition skills and fine motor skills as they mixed colours. The children used the pipettes to transfer different coloured water into jugs and identified the different colours they made. The children also enjoyed exploring our tuff tray farmyard. Inside the tray was a variety of different materials including hay, water and sand. The children enjoyed exploring the different textures while developing their communication skills as they identified the different animals and the sounds that they make.

In **Owls**, the children have been enjoying exploring the dinosaur tuff tray, investigating the textures of the sand and paint while developing their communication and mathematical skills. They practiced counting the dinosaurs and placing them in order of size, helping to strengthen their understanding of early Maths concepts. The children have also been building positive relationships with their peers, while developing their letter recognition skills through circle time activities and self-registration.

## Parent Notices

Christmas light switch on – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### Reminder – bring in warm clothes!

Now the weather is cooling down, please remember to pack some warmer layers for your child.



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas light switch on
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bake sale
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day / Hot chocolate & cake morning
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch



## 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.