

## Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our March newsletter. We have lots of exciting things happening throughout March so don't forget to check the dates for your diary!

Take a look at some of the highlights from last month, as well as the exciting things we have planned for March.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Fun Day. We hope you all had lots of fun with the many activities on offer and treated yourselves to a few of the wonderful things our local businesses had on sale. Thank you for all your kind donations, we really couldn't do these Fun Days without you.



## What we have been up to...

**Hedgehogs** have been busy celebrating Storytelling Week and exploring the story of *The Hungry Caterpillar* using real different fruits. Hedgehogs really enjoyed spending time with their families during the Valentine's stay and play and also exploring pancakes and fruit on Shrove Tuesday.

**Butterflies** enjoyed making lanterns to celebrate Lunar New Year, they also explored using chop sticks in messy play with noodles. Butterflies enjoyed making pancakes with playdough and very much enjoyed eating their real pancakes made by the kitchen team. Last month they discovered the story *The Tiger Who Came To Tea* and made their own tea in the role play corner together.

**Little Toads** enjoyed sharing the love last month by celebrating Valentine's Day making crafts for their families. They have also celebrated Lunar New Year through coloured rice play, making marks and talking about the year of the Horse.

**Owls** enjoyed spending time with their loved ones at the Valentine's stay and play, sharing lovely moments exploring all the activities. Owls have been learning about Lunar New Year by making lanterns and exploring writing some signs in Chinese!

# Parent Notices

## Easter Bonnet competition

We will be holding an Easter Bonnet competition at our Easter Party. If you would like to participate with your little one, please bring in your entries by Wednesday 1st April.

## Mother's Day Celebrations

We will be holding a Mother's Day take away breakfast on Thursday 12th March, please pop by and enjoy a treat or two. On Friday 13th March each room will be holding their own Mother's Day celebrations. Please let us know if you would like to come along. If you are unable to make it, please let us know if a daddy, grandparent or someone special would like to attend instead.

## Parents Evening

Parents Evening is being held on Thursday 26th March. Please book in a slot with your child's key person. If you are unable to make that evening, we can book you in with your child's key worker at a later date.

# Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day take away breakfast
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day celebration, 4 till 5 pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's Evening
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Day for new parents 10am till 12
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Party - 3pm till 4.30pm



## Recipe of the Month Cauliflower, Chickpea and Butternut Curry with Rice



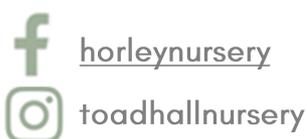
(Serves 6)

### Ingredients

Tomatoes (tinned) – 400 g  
Chickpeas – 100 g  
Butternut Squash – ½ whole  
Curry powder – 1 tbsp  
Cauliflower – small head  
Peas – 100 g  
Onion (chopped) – 1 whole  
Garlic (minced) – 1 clove  
Carrot (diced) – 2

### Method

1. Dice the onions and mince the garlic.
2. Peel and dice the butternut into ½ cm squares and roast in the oven until part cooked.
3. In a large saucepan fry the onions and garlic until they are almost cooked, then add curry powder and cook for a further minute.
4. Add the carrots, chickpeas and cauliflower and stir well until everything is coated in curry powder.
5. Add the tomatoes and quarter tin of water (using the tinned tomatoes empty tin).
6. Add the butternut squash.
7. Bring to the boil and reduce to simmer and add the peas.
8. Serve with rice



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