

# Wellingborough Newsletter



Toad Hall  
Children's Nursery

## Welcome,

Thank you for taking the time to read our monthly newsletter.

We would like to send a warm welcome back to all staff and parents - we hope that you had a lovely Christmas break!



## What's to come...

During the first few weeks of January, all rooms are going to focus on re-settling our children back into nursery and supporting their emotional development.

We would love to see any photos you have of your children over the Christmas break; please send these through as an observation on EY and this will help us to reflect on them during the settling in period.

Towards the end of January, it is 'National Storytelling Week'. Stories teach children about the world around them and are great for promoting literacy skills, sparking creativity and imagination as well as developing language.

Our children love listening to lots of different stories. If you have any old, yet in good condition books that your child no longer needs, we would be more than grateful for you to donate them to us.

## What we have been up to...

We had a successful stay and play on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, the children loved seeing Santa, receiving their gifts and we had lots of positive feedback from our parents.

We would like to show our appreciation to Mia our Chef for an incredible Christmas dinner - it was delicious! It was lovely to have all the children and staff together for it!

All rooms created lots of special Christmas crafts for the children to take home; we hope that you enjoyed looking through them together!



Throughout December, the children explored a range of different winter themed experiences. In Owls, the children spoke about the change in weather and what items of clothing should be worn to keep ourselves warm. This is great for promoting self-care!

Little Toads enjoyed singing lots of Christmas nursery rhymes, whilst encouraged to join in with phrases from them.

In Hedgehogs, the babies explored winter themed activities through sensory development, introducing them to new textures and smells, like cinnamon and aniseed!

# Parent Notices

## Reminder –

Please could we ask that all parents check EY and update contact information for all parents/carers that are authorised to collect. Also, please check and update the permissions set for your child as some appear to be missing.

## Staff Updates:

Please join us in welcoming both Claire and Rebecca to the team. Claire will be our Pre-School Room Leader and our new SENCO. Rebecca will also be based in our Pre-School room.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Martin Luther King Jr Day
31 <sup>st</sup> January – 8 <sup>th</sup> February	National Storytelling Week



## 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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