



# Newsletter

November 2017

The weather is getting colder, the staff are starting to think of festive displays and crafts and everything is getting very exciting this month! We are entering a busy time at nursery with the run-up to Christmas and it really is the most exciting time of year for our lovely team. They are in their element, planning all sorts of creative crafts and themed activities for the children. We are even hoping for a visit from Father Christmas himself, if we are all well behaved!

In November we have enjoyed celebrating Bonfire Night with various arts and crafts activities and Lucy (our EYT trainee) performed some exciting scientific experiments in Pre-School which were full of whizzes, pops and bangs to mark the occasion! Paul has been busy with his weekly DIY sessions in the Pre-School room and the Pre-School children all enjoyed performing a little concert of various nursery rhymes at the end of the month. Everyone at the nursery enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving and harvest and we talked to the children about Remembrance Day and made lots of poppies to mark this occasion. Thank you to all the Mums and Dads who were able to attend the social evenings this month, a good time was had by all.



Our team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month for September - Debi! Each month the staff vote for the person who has impressed them the most, and they write lovely comments about each other. Some of the comments for Debi include "For being loving and caring to the toddlers" "For always going the extra mile with the children and staff to ensure everyone is cared for accordingly. She is an excellent member of the team who is greatly missed when she is on holiday." "For being flexible and adapting to routines in other rooms" Well done Debi, enjoy your early finish as a reward.

The staff have continued ongoing professional development this month with Ceri and Tasha visiting another setting to share ideas and discuss the development of our settings. Georgia has been on a course about 'Effective Teaching and Learning' and Julie has completed Safeguarding training.

Lucy Pitts will be leaving us at the end of December as she has completed her placement here and has been a wonderful help to the staff in the baby room. The staff and babies will miss her energy and enthusiasm and we wish her well in the next stage of her course.

### Babies - News from the baby room

November has been a creative month and the babies have enjoyed lots of mark making using brushes, sponges, bingo dabbers, leaves and toy animals. Their animal footprint display is fabulous, as is their winter display - please feel free to pop in and admire it. The babies have all thoroughly enjoyed working with Lucy (on her EYT placement) and she has worked with them to develop their hand-eye co-ordination skills, language skills and sharing skills/group activities. Babies have also been enjoying their weekly visits with Kerry from Jo-Jingles and they have enjoyed exploring musical instruments and songs. Next month will be the month of everything CHRISTMAS!

Sarah, Niamh and Nina :)

### Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers have been busy this month with Remembrance Day and Bonfire Night crafts which has involved lots of bright colours, Rice Crispies and messy play! The toddlers have also been working hard to practise the songs for their Christmas Performance of "Whoops-A-Daisy-Angel" which will be performed on December 7th, how exciting! They have also started working on some Christmas crafts towards the end of the month - namely cards to be sent to Santa. They are all behaving very well! They have also loved

decorating some biscuits and enjoy looking at their advent calendar door decoration each day to see who is behind the next door!

Debi, Tasha and Jeny

### Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-School have been busy exploring the topic “Healthy me, happy me” which has included discussions about healthy lifestyles, wake and shake activities, role play in our kitchen area and observational drawing. They have enjoyed this topic and have also engaged themselves fully in rehearsing their parts for our Christmas Production due to be performed in December for our parents to see. They have loved all of the singing and dancing, including rehearsals and performance of their nursery rhyme concert to mark Nursery Rhyme Week and their Makaton signing has also greatly improved at this time, which is lovely to see now that we are a Makaton friendly nursery.

The children are now very excited about the month of December where they will be exploring CHRISTMAS in every way we possibly can! Roll on December!

Terri, Ceri, Julie and Georgia.

### Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th December - Christmas Sock Day and Pre-School Christmas Craft Session for parents to attend

Thursday 7th December - Toddler Performance of ‘Whoops-A-Daisy-Angel’

Monday 11th December - Pre-School Trip to the PANTOMIME!

Tuesday 12th December - Pre-School Performance of ‘Whoops-A-Daisy-Angel’

Friday 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party (2-4pm)  
- parents of children at nursery on this day are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Dinner Day!

Tuesday 19th December - Baby Christmas Sing-A-Long 3.00pm. Parents invited to attend.

Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th December - Nursery closed for Christmas Bank Holidays.

Please could we ask you to.....

### **Warm clothing**

As you all know we play in our lovely garden every day, whatever the weather so please can we ask for you to ensure all children have wellies and **waterproof** coats as the weather can be unpredictable and children love splashing in our puddles! Thanks for your co-operation with this. Now it is getting colder children also need hats and gloves to keep them lovely and warm during their outdoor adventures. Please label these with your child's name to avoid confusion.

### **Spare Clothes**

Please can we ask parents to pack a bag with at least 2 changes of clothes (including underwear and **socks**) as the children often get very messy during activities at nursery and need to have a full change of outfit!

### **Toys from home**

Please can we ask that children don't bring in toys from home as we have had a few issues with this recently and we don't want children to be upset unnecessarily.

### **Car Parking**

Please can we ask parents to use the car park for dropping children off or picking them up at the end of the day whenever possible? We have been asked by the council to ensure that parents are using the car park rather than the road when there are spaces available within the car park so we would appreciate your co-operation with this. It also helps to keep our neighbours happy! Thank you.

Any questions or anything we can help you with please feel free to speak to a member of our team or you can send us an email to [enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk).

The Railway Nursery Team