

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had a good break over the holidays and enjoyed some time with friends and family. We are looking forward to a busy term where the children will learn lots of new things. Before the half term we will have parent consultation meetings which are an opportunity for you to come and talk to your child's keyworker about how they are settling in and their progress. Please do not miss this opportunity. However, our doors are always open to parents so if you are worried or concerned about anything come and speak to us anytime.

Ellie Larkin
Head of Centre

Diary Dates

Spring Term

7th January 2019 – 5th April 2019

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| Fri 11 th Jan | Visit to the Church |
| Tues 15 th Jan am | Maths workshop |
| Wed 16 th Jan pm | Maths workshop |
| Mon 4 th Feb | Parent consultation meetings |
| 15 th Feb | Curriculum Day |
| 18 th Feb – 22 nd Feb | Half term |
| 8 th April – 22 nd April | Easter Holiday – Nursery School closed |
| 12 th April – 22 nd April | Whole Centre closed |

In the over three's before Christmas the children showed an interest in playing with the dolls so we decided to set up a baby shop. The Children really took to this role play and the baby shop continued for several weeks. The children actively took on the role of being a shop keeper. They learnt about money and how it should be used for buying things from the baby shop. At one point during the session the queue was so long that nearly all of the items on sale were sold. There was much discussion about the various roles involved in running the shop you need a shop manager, a person who takes the money, people who come to buy – customers, someone to tidy up the shop. Through this role play children gained some knowledge of money as well as working as part of a team and taking turns and



The weather has turned very cold but the children still need to be able to explore the outdoor environment. Please make sure they have warm clothes and preferably have a hat and gloves, clearly labelled with their name.



Exploring different texture in the baby room

The babies have been very busy exploring messy activities. They have used their senses to explore and experiment with a range of textures and different mark making tools and media. It has been a successful activity in the baby room, extending enjoyment and play and has helped them to develop their confidence and self-esteem as well as developing their language skills.



Music Therapy

We were lucky to have Jessica, a music therapy teacher working with a few children from all of the rooms and some stay and play children last term. This was a great opportunity to build on the children's sharing and attention through music. Jessica is kindly going to give the nursery a lyra. This will be happily received by all of the children at the centre.



Noticeboard

Reminder!!!

All buggies left at the Centre are left at your own risk. The Centre cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage.

Fruit and vegetables

Please bring a piece of fruit or vegetables for the children to share each day. It is a really good way to encourage all of the children to eat healthily.

Weather

If the weather is a problem and causes us to close the Centre at short notice we will send you a text message as early as possible in the morning. If you do not hear from us then the Centre will be open so please bring your children as normal. Please do not call the Centre to check as this blocks the phone line and means that families that do need to talk to us cannot get through.