

### 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

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

9<sup>th</sup> Feb

12<sup>th</sup> Feb - 16<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
30<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> Apr

30<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Visit to the Church**  
**Parent consultation meetings**  
**Staff Training Day – Centre closed**  
**Half term**  
**Curriculum day**  
**Easter Holiday – Nursery School closed**  
**Whole Centre closed**

### Enjoying the Christmas Preparations .....



The children in the Golf House were very busy before the holidays in preparation for Christmas, they enjoyed being involved in putting up and dressing the Christmas tree, wrapping 'presents', writing letters to Father Christmas and making their very own decorations. The children particularly enjoyed sharing their snow experiences from the weekend, which we recreated at group time!



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 names.



# Habitats

In the over three's the children have been working on a project about animals and their habitats. We have explored a range of information books which has led to discussions about different habitats such as, where different habitats can be found and who lives in them. They have also explored a globe which has created discussion about land and sea animals and most recently children participated in a large shared collage where they created habitats for animals of their own choice.



## 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.

## Well done!!!!

We raised £127.50 for Children In Need

The children looked fabulous in their pyjamas and had a lovely time. I am sure the money raised will be put to good use and will support children and families in lots of difficult situations.