



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the January/February edition of the newsletter and the first newsletter of 2018. We would like to say a big warm welcome to all the children who have started with us in the New Year.

### **Parent Messages**

- Can I please remind all parents that Daisy Chain do not accept any responsibility for any items brought into nursery and we ask all parents to please leave valuable toys at home. Our rooms are very busy at the moment and it is very easy for toys to go missing or be taken accidentally by other children.
- During the winter months we do still access the outdoors which means children will need a warm winter coat and a pair of properly fitting wellington boots. Children should also bring a bag with a spare set of clothes. Although we provide spare clothes we don't always have a different range of sizes and can sometimes run out due to parents not always returning the spares.
- Can we please request that parents do not arrive early for their child's session. The corridor is only small and narrow and this means that we end up with a traffic jam of parents trying to get in to collect their children as well as parents waiting for their child's session to start. Afternoon sessions start at 1pm so please arrive at this time or afterwards, If parents continue to arrive before the drop off times we will have to start asking parents and children to wait outside which is not ideal in this cold weather.

If you are collecting your child, please remember that the end of the morning session for children is 1.00pm and parents must be here by 12.45 for a full handover and the children must be off site by 1pm. The same applies to the night time collection the nursery must be shut by 6.00pm with everybody off the premises as we are not insured after this time. This means that all parents should arrive before or at 5.45 to receive a full handover from a member of the management team.

- As of 5.30 each day all handover will now be given in the corridor by the late member of the management team due to the large number of parents arriving at the same time. You may have to wait for your handover however this is to minimise the disruption to the children in the rooms and to enable the team to focus their attention on the children that are still here.

### **Eylog**

Eylog is our online learning journey system and is designed to give you as parents a better insight into your child's development at nursery. It also enables you to add comments to the children's observations as they go live and be able to access the children's observations instantly. It is a fantastic way to keep in touch with your child's key person as well as your child's handover at the end of the night, however some parents are still not accessing the online learning journeys. If you need any help on how to access or use Eylog please come into nursery and ask a member of the management team.

### **Blossoms**

This month the children in the blossom room are really interested in paint and have been exploring with lots of different colours. The babies have been interested in the effects of movement on the marks they are making.



## Daisy

This month in Daisy room the children's interest is sensory play. The children have had a fantastic time exploring a wide variety of materials such as jelly and ice. The staff have encouraged the

children to take time to feel the different textures and explore using their senses.



### **Sunflowers**

This month sunflowers interest is paint. This means the children have been getting involved in some really messy activities. The children have been exploring how to mix and change colours and the team have also included lots of maths into the activities.



## Bluebells

Bluebells interest this month has been cars and trains. The children have really enjoyed making marks with the cars. The team included numbers and cars into a game and the children had lots of fun learning how to recognise the numbers they had chosen.



### **Ideas for at home**

Different ways to encourage children to explore shape and size.

Give babies different sized spoons made of different materials to explore at meal times. This will support children in learning size and texture and will also allow them to gain independence.

Stacking cups or tins in different sizes on top of each other and using language such as 'Fall down' or 'more' will introduce the children

to new words and will also help them to learn that if the cup is too big it won't stack. They will have to use problem solving skills with your support to build a tower.

Use Pringles tubs for posting - Cut the bottom off and let the children post a variety of objects through the tube to see which ones fit and which ones get stuck. They can problem solve different ways to get them out and talk about why they got stuck.

Kind Regards

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