



# January Newsletter

## Pre-School Room

The children in the Pre-School room enjoyed learning about Christmas throughout December. They enjoyed making lots of Christmassy things both inside and outside. They played with the playdough that had different spices added to it so that the children could explore lots of Christmas smells. They enjoyed developing their fine motor skills decorating the Christmas tree on the tuff tray. They also took part in forest school activities outdoors making Christmas decorations.

They were involved in various Christmas baking activities developing their mathematical skills and also developed their literacy skills listening to lots of Christmas stories.

## Toddler Room

In the Toddler Room the children have enjoyed taking part in lots of different Christmas activities. They have enjoyed playing in the sensory tuff trays with activities such as decorating the Christmas trees and feeding the reindeer. They have taken part in lots of different Christmas craft ideas such as making Christmas cards. They developed their creative skills using the playdough to make snowmen and reindeers. They have also enjoyed pretending to cook Christmas Dinner in the home corner.

## Baby Room

During the month of December, the children in the baby room explored a variety of sensory Christmas activities, including playing in the tuff tray exploring different textures such as tinsel and baubles and learning new vocabulary such as Shiny. They have also taken part in lots of Christmas Craft activities such as painting and gluing. They have developed their communication skills learning Christmas songs.

## Important Dates

- Start of term for term time only children - 8th Jan
- Breakfast around the world - 26th Jan

## Book & Rhyme of the month

**Preschool:** "Robin's Winter Songs".

**Toddlers:** "That's not my Polar Bear".

**Babies:** "I'm a little snowman".

## Snow Action Plan

In the case of heavy snow or ice we will endeavour to open the nursery wherever possible, whilst ensuring the safety of the children and staff. In the event of a closure we will notify you by text and email and on our social media.

In the case of heavy snowfall during the day we will contact you via phone to make arrangements for early collection if necessary.

## Coffee Morning and Reindeer Run

A big thank you to all that attended the coffee morning. It was great to see so many people. The amount raised was a fantastic £374.74. All proceeds are in aid of the Forget Me Not Trust and will support the amazing work that they do.

The Reindeer Run in aid of The Overgate trust raised a fabulous £530. Well done to all the parents and children that took part, making it such a great success.

## Car parking

Please can we remind parents that parking at the bottom of the drive or on the yellow zig-zags is illegal between the hours of 8am until 5pm. The zig-zags are in place to protect the children arriving and leaving the grounds of the school. We politely ask that you do not park over the neighbours drives and block access for them. Please can you remind any other family members that collect your children.

## Birthdays

Alexander 1st  
Oliver 6th  
Riley 8th  
Charlotte Ba 13th  
Jasmine 20th  
Kaiya 27th

## Warm Coats

Please could we remind you to provide warm coats and outdoor footwear, such as wellies, as well as a hat and gloves whilst it's cold, because we like to go out in all weathers. This applies to the children in all of our rooms.



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## Things to do at home this month

### Pre-School

The children in Preschool will be learning about Winter with a focus on Mathematics. You can support your child's learning at home by talking about the clothes we need to wear in winter to keep warm and why, you could incorporate mathematical language by talking about pairs and matching gloves and socks. You can talk about the differences between Autumn and Winter such as the leaves all gone from the trees. You can also talk about feeding the animals that need extra food in Winter and make bird seed cake to put out for them, using the activity to talk about quantities. When you have put the bird seed outside you could use the opportunity to count all the different birds that you see in the garden.

### Toddler room

The children in Toddler room are learning about Winter. You can join in at home by reading stories such as "Elmer In the Snow". Or you could draw or paint winter pictures talking about the different colour names and how to mix colours. You can also make a winter soup letting your child help chop the vegetables that go in it. Sing songs such as "I'm a little snowman" or "Here we go round the mulberry bush".  
If you go out for a walk talk to your child about the differences they see such as there being no leaves on the trees or the frost covering the grass.

### Baby Room

The children in the Baby Room will be learning about Winter with a focus on Communication and Language. You can join in at home by singing the rhyme of the month "I'm a little snowman". You could also make sensory trays with corn flour gloop and add glitter to it to make it sparkle and introduce language such as shiny, wet, etc. You could also freeze items into ice and let your child play with it and talk about the water melting and introduce language such as cold, hot, melting, etc.

### I'm a Little Snowman

I'm a little snowman short and fat,  
Here's my scarf and here's my hat.  
When the snow is falling come and  
play, build a snowman everyday.



### Next Month

The children in the **Pre-School room** will be reading "One Snowy Night"  
The children in the **Toddler room** will be reading "Say hello to the snowy animals"

**Babies** will be singing "Pat a Cake".

### Pat a Cake

Pat a cake, pat a cake, baker's man.  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.  
Pat it and prick it and mark it with B  
and put it in the oven for baby and me.

