

Happy New Year and Welcome back!

Welcome to the new nursery session, and welcome to our new children and families joining us for the first time! We hope you are feeling rested and energised for the new session. Towards the end of last year, the children were feeling excited and enthusiastic about what they may get from Santa. This week they have been enjoying sharing stories and telling both the staff and other children about the toys they received and the Christmas dinners they had!

Loose Parts

Thank you all very much for your donations so far. Please see below for ideas of the types of items we are looking for and if you can donate any we will be very grateful.



- String
- Tape
- Wool
- Lace
- Metal tops from jars and bottles
- Cardboard cylinders
- Raffia
- Cable reels
- Feathers
- Pasta
- Costume jewellery
- Pots
- Containers
- Glass beads
- Cable ties



Thank you!



All the staff would like to say a huge thank you for the gifts we received from you all before Christmas. We were absolutely overwhelmed and grateful for your generosity!

Thank you from us all!

Stay and play

Our next nursery stay and play is on Wednesday the 15th January 2020. Please feel free to come along between 9am and 10.30am or 1pm and 2.30pm. There have been many changes to the nursery environment so we would like you to come and experience how these changes support your child's learning.



Garden developments



Despite the terrible weather we have been experiencing recently Miss Caldwell has been working in collaboration with parents and staff to create planting and digging areas, a new mud kitchen and a construction area which was envisioned and planned by the nursery children and Miss Davidson. We extend our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to our parents **David Murray** who assisted Miss Caldwell in some pretty rotten weather conditions to complete our planters, and **Rachel and Darren Torrance** who very kindly offered to make our fabulous new mud kitchen for the Rowan Room over the Christmas Holiday!

The next stage of our nursery garden plan leaves us needing help to shovel and wheelbarrow drainage gravel. If you would like to get involved with the life of your child's nursery, please let a member of staff know!



Fund raising

Mrs White worked very hard before Christmas to make two beautiful Christmas hampers to help raise funds for the nursery. Between the sale of raffle tickets and sale of Christmas clothing (kindly donated By Tesco) we were able to raise **£205.34**. This money has already been put to good use and has bought 2 tons of gravel and decking wood to build our mud kitchen, outdoor construction area and garden planters. Thanks for your on-going support as we attempt to develop our outdoor area that supports your children's learning. **In the coming term Mrs White plans to gather all the necessary items to create a fabulous "Mrs Hinch" inspired spring cleaning basket to raffle before the Easter holidays.** If you would like to contribute or if you can think of any other fundraising ideas, please

Nursery Application Closing Date.

Please be aware that the closing date for nursery applications for the coming year have changed. It is now February the 28th. This date is for applications for both the Willow room and Rowan Room. Any applications received after this date will not be considered until after the allocations meeting has taken place at Headquarters.

Clothes and loose parts donations

Thank you very much to all who donated clothing to the nursery. We have enough to keep us going for a while but we very much appreciate your donations.

Thanks again!



Parent Pay

A gentle reminder that the new term's Snack and Toy Fund payment item has been activated on Parent Pay. Payments for this term must be made before **Friday the 3rd April 2020.**

This fund lets us buy healthy snacks for children in the nursery, have special visitors to the nursery and contribute towards the children's trips.



Dates for your diary

P1 Enrolment Week	Week beginning 13 th January 2020
Stay and Play	Wednesday 15 th January 2020
Inservice day	Friday 7 th February 2020
Holiday	Monday 10 th and Tuesday the 11 th February 2020
Inservice day	12 th February 2020
Stay and Play	Friday 14 th February 2020

Please remember to keep your eye on the Important Information Board in the entrance bubble for the most up to date information on upcoming events and nursery news!



Children's Learning Journals

May we please take this opportunity to remind you all that the children's Learning Journals are sent home every 7 weeks for you to look at and comment. Please take the time to look through it with your child so they can talk to you about the work they have completed. Additionally we ask that you do not remove anything from these folders as they contain all the assessment information we have about your child, which we need when it comes to writing reports.