

December update



Dear Parents,

With Christmas fast approaching, we thought that we would send out a quick update to families with all of the fun things that we have been taking part in and our Christmas news.

We would like to thank you for your continued support over the last year, we really feel that our nursery has a community spirit, and we have enjoyed seeing everybody in nursery over the last few weeks at special events. Over this week, we realise that some of our families will be heading away for Christmas, so we would just like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have a lovely break and we look forward to sharing 2019 with you.

Christmas events



We hope that you have all enjoyed our festive activities over the last few weeks; it has been lovely that so many parents, siblings and grandparents have been able to join us for our room events. All of our rooms have held special events with all our families invited to attend, which have included singing, art and craft sessions and a shared family tea. Our Pre-school shared a special festive nativity with their families at Babraham Church on Friday 7th December, where everybody dressed up and played a role. We would like to thank our kitchen for making extra special breakfasts or teas for everyone over the last few weeks, and also for working extra hard to provide a wonderful Christmas lunch, which we all shared together in the Pre-school room last week.

On Friday 14th December, we had a special visit from Father Christmas. The children in the Squirrels den, Pelican room and Pre-school rooms then enjoyed a party, with a disco and an entertainer!

Staffing News

Emma Starr joined us at the end of November, as job-share cook with Faye. Emma has a good deal of experience in cooking for babies and young children, having previously worked as a cook at another local nursery. We would like to thank Lizzie for taking over the role in the interim; she did a marvellous job opposite Faye within the kitchen.



Staff Training day 2019

Babraham Nursery will be closed on **Friday 5th July 2019** for staff training. We place a high importance on formal training and continual professional development of our staff team, and staff regularly undertake training throughout the year; during the day, in the evening and at the

weekend. This is the one time throughout the year when the whole staff team is able to join for training purposes. Previously we have spent time looking at topics including child development around the world, continuous provision, language and communication, development of home learning resources, forest schooling, loose parts play, brain development and attachment. Our training sessions on this day are bespoke and the training sessions are designed for the specific age groups with which the staff are working within. NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS DAY.

Looking Forward to 2019

We have lots of activities and events to look forward to into 2019 across nursery and each room will be inviting families in for planned activities. We will be having our annual Sports day in July for all of our children in Squirrels, Pelicans and Pre-school. We will also be holding our consultation evening in June and our open evening in the autumn term.

If your child is in Ducklings or Caterpillars we hope you will be able to join us for one of our monthly singing sessions (the staff will advise of the date each month). The Pre-school will be continuing with their French sessions each week, and in the Summer term we will be having Pre-school first aid sessions, which were really enjoyed by all this year. Amelia Grant, who attended our open evening, will be taking these sessions. Pre-school will be finishing their year with a graduation party in July.

Sub-Committee family events in 2019

There are lots of events to look forward to in 2019 at the weekend, outside of our normal nursery events. The Parents-sub Committee will be meeting in January to finalise the dates for the events, but as a guide the following activities will be happening over the coming year, organised by the committee and nursery staff:

Family disco at Babraham School hall – early March

Dragon hunt in the woods at nursery – April

Family fun day – late June/Early July

Anniversary celebration BBQ – September 2019

Dates for your diary

Babraham Nursery will close tomorrow at 5.15pm (21st December) and will then remain closed until we re-open on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

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Friday 19th April – Bank Holiday (Good Friday) Nursery Closed

Monday 22nd April – Bank Holiday (Easter Monday) Nursery Closed

Friday 5th July 2019 – Nursery Closed for Staff Training Day (no fees will be charged for this day).

If you would like to contact me, give feedback or have a general discussion, please feel free to pop into the office. Alternatively, you could call the nursery or send an email to the address below. If you would like newsletters and updates to be sent to a different email address, please email me alison.bishop@babraham.ac.uk and I will update our mailing list.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of our nursery and look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2019.

Kind regards,

Alison

Head of Nursery and Fun Pack

HOLIDAY/ABSENCE FORM

Please complete this form to register holidays or any other periods of absence.

Name of child Base Room

My child will be absent from.....to.....(inclusive)

Signed.....Name.....Date.....

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