

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 have also added some dates of events taking place in the first half of 2018.

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 2018 with you.

Christmas events



We have been very busy over the last few weeks at nursery, and would like to thank you for all the support that you have shown. We have really enjoyed holding all of our events and seeing so many families join in over the festive season; with our special singing session with our babies and toddlers and with stay and play Christmas themed events in the Squirrels den and Pelican room. Pre-school shared a special festive nativity with their families at Babraham Church on Friday 8th December, which they have been rehearsing for many weeks!

Last week our cooks, Faye and Gemma, prepared a very special Christmas lunch and the whole nursery came together to share this. On Friday 15th 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!

French Sessions

Over the last few weeks, our Pre-school group have been enjoying trialling French sessions on a Friday afternoon with Felicity from Kidslingo. The children have loved the sessions, and have been learning through songs and fun activities how to count to 10 and how to introduce themselves. We are delighted to be able to let you know that these sessions will be continuing in the New Year.

Staffing News

We welcomed **Valentina Pantaleo** to the team at the beginning of December. Valentina has worked previously in another nursery within the area and joins us full time as a Nursery Assistant in the Caterpillar room.



From January, **Gemma Dunn** will be taking on the role of Cook at the beginning of the week in the kitchen, replacing **Steve Woolmer**, who decided to retire at the end of November. Steve has been the Nursery Cook for 11 years and we would like to thank him for his hard work.

This week will be Carla's last week before beginning maternity leave in January. **Zoe Mason** will be taking on the role of full time Nursery Nurse in the Ducklings room from January. Zoe currently roves across nursery, working in all base rooms.

Staff Training day 2018

Babraham Nursery will be closed on **Friday 6th July 2018** 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 get together for training purposes. Previously we have spent time looking at topics around language and communication, development of home learning resources, forest schooling, loose parts play, brain development and attachment and festivals. 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.**

Building works

As many of you may have noticed, our bathroom and enclosed area between the Squirrels den and Pelican room is now open and operational! We would like to thank you for your continued support, we love the new bathroom and the difference that it has made to the flow of the Pelican room and Squirrels den is immeasurable. As the bathroom is now adjoined to the Pelican room and Squirrels den, there is no longer any need to go out of the room for this, yet the space is still separate!

Looking Forward to 2018

We have lots of activities and events to look forward to into 2018, including an afternoon nursery disco, our annual dragon hunt in the woods in April and our Sports Day in July. 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). Of course, there will also be many other events throughout the year and our annual BBQ to enjoy!

Dates for your diary

Babraham Nursery will be open as usual on Friday 22nd December 2017 and will then remain closed until we re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

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Saturday 24th February 2018 – Nursery Parents Sub Committee disco (held at Babraham School)

Friday 30th March 2018 – Bank Holiday (Good Friday) Nursery Closed

Monday 2nd April 2018 – Bank Holiday (Easter Monday) Nursery Closed

Saturday 21st April 2018 – Annual dragon hunt in the woods.

Friday 6th July 2018 – 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 2018.

Kind regards,

Alison

Nursery Manager

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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