

Alphabet House News

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Welcome to our January newsletter.

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and new year. We've an exciting term ahead of us, so as well as giving details about past and future events we've also put a list of key dates on this page so you can see what we are up to at-a-glance.

Firstly to update you on some staff changes and news:

- Welcome to Gemma Mcree who is transferring from our Beeston nursery to become leader of the toddler room. Gemma has been with us for 6 years and is really looking forward to a new challenge. She lives close to the nursery so the move will also be better for her and her family as less travelling time.
- Rachel officially starts her maternity leave in February but due to her pregnancy wasn't able to return to work after the Christmas break. She is doing really well at the moment and we wish her well. Will keep everyone posted when we hear any news.
- Congratulation to Tiff who is expecting a baby and will be going on maternity leave in May.
- Pyjama Day – Many thanks to everyone who took part in our Pyjama Day, we raised a total of £43.

Dates for your diary

Police Visit

- Friday 28th January – stranger danger and more

Water Safety Day

- Tuesday 1st February – visit from Rushcliffe Leisure Centre to learn about water safety

Chinese New Year

- Thursday 3rd February – with special food tasting too!

Pancake Day

- Tuesday 15th March – making and decorating pancakes

Fire Engine Visit

- Thursday 17th February

Garden Visit

- Tuesday 1st March – Community Gardens

Parents Evening

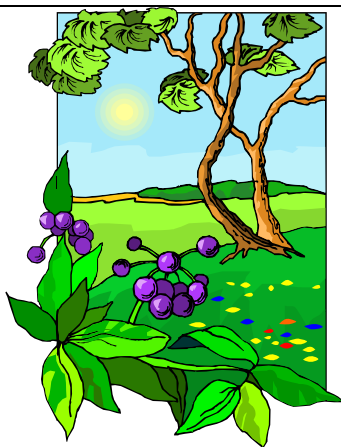
- Thursday 3rd March 6 - 7.30pm – more details nearer the time

Red Nose Day

- Friday 18th March – we will be doing a sponsored bounce and encouraging the children to have wacky hair for the day!

Royal Wedding

- Friday 29th April – we will be open as usual and have some fun activities planned for the children to make this a very special day.



The great outdoors

The Orchard

Looking forward to spring and already planning what we can do when the better weather is with us, our pre-school staff will be receiving some help and advice from David Green, a woodland nursery specialist to look at how we can make the best use of the orchard. We currently use the orchard as much as possible but are sure there are more opportunities and look forward to getting ideas and inspiration from David.

Garden Visit

On Tuesday 1st March our pre-school children will be visiting the Arkwright community gardens in Nottingham where Rachel Hemmings is the head gardener. You may recall Rachel visited us in November and now we are

repaying the visit. The children will have a walk around the gardens and meet the chickens, help with collecting the eggs and watering the plants, look at what is growing in the gardens and talk about what plants they grow, make a paper daffodil for each child and end with a Welsh picnic.

New climbing equipment

We have just ordered a new climbing tree house from Timberline to improve our outdoor play at nursery. This hopefully will be delivered and installed at the end of February in time for some good weather and lots of outdoor play.



We had a whole host of Christmas activities for the children this year which created a very busy December. Below are a few reminders of what we got up to.

Nativity Play



We had a wonderful nativity play at church in December and raised £150 for the church thanks to the generosity of all the parents that attended.

The children and staff did a magnificent job, special thanks go to Miss Sarah in pre-school plus who put an enormous amount of time and effort into it.

Carols at Adbolton Nursing Home



Some of our children visited the residents of Adbolton Nursing Home on Tuesday 21st December to bring some festive cheer to the young at heart.

They sang some traditional Christmas carols, as well as some new songs they had practiced. The residents thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

Christmas Party – great fun for everyone!



The Christmas parties were fantastic – ‘Geoffery Jumper’ entertained pre-school and Father Christmas visited to deliver presents to every child.

Billy Bean Bag



A local theatre company came to give a Christmas performance. The children had a great time, singing and dancing and generally joining in the fun.

Places still available - We do hope your children enjoy these activities and if you know of any other babies or children who might like to join us, we do warmly welcome personal visits from parents and are pleased to make appointments for them to visit the nursery.