



# NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to our January 2009 Newsletter

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We hope that your holidays were happy and safe. We have all had a lot of changes last year and we are all looking forward to the New Year and what it may bring.

December was a very enjoyable time. We were busy with Christmas and all that the holidays bring.

### Pre School:

Christmas has taken over the nursery and during the month of December the Pre School room was no exception. The children have been busy all month long decorating and creating various Christmas goodies. We have made a huge snowman and Christmas tree, reindeer, candles, bells and everything Christmas. Christmas music has filled the air and we have learned a few new Christmas songs.

We hope that all parents enjoyed their Christmas gifts, calendars and cards that the children and staff worked very hard on preparing for you all.

In anticipation to the Christmas play the children had been practicing the songs and their lines since November and because of all the hard work of the children and the dedication of the staff the Christmas play was a great success. We had a few minor glitches but all in all we think everyone had a great time. The children had a great time and the turn out of parents and families was excellent! Thank you for all of your support and encouragement.



**The Pre School 'Whoopsy-Daisy-Angel' play**

The visit of Father Christmas was very exciting and all the children enjoyed the wonderful gifts that he brought for us. Thank you Father Christmas!!

We would also like to extend a very big Thank you to Uncle Wiggy for the entertainment. The children and families really enjoyed it.



**Uncle Wiggy during his magic trick**

Our theme book for this month was Its Santa! The children have created a display to follow the books story line. They are so looking forward to the arrival of Santa at their own homes on Christmas evening.

## Toddlers

Although there has not been any sign of snow in the month of December, we have been busy making various crafts and goodies related to snow in hopes that it will make it snow.

We enjoyed the tasty snowman cupcakes with licorice for scarves and marshmallow hats. They were very creative and the children enjoyed tasting the different goodies they were decorating with. We also created a tasty advent calendar with various pictures of Christmas objects. We all had a chance to pull off one of the numbers to countdown the days until Christmas and in doing so got a chocolate to take home.



**The Advent Calendar**

Continuing on the theme of snow we decided to make play dough that looks and feels like snow. To do this we made white play dough with sparkles and then put it in the freezer to make it very cold....brrrrr. We then enjoyed creating snowmen and snow angels with it.

We have also been very busy with decorating the Toddler room to look festive. We made snowflakes to put on the windows, stockings to be hung in our Christmas house over our fireplace and Christmas trees decorated to look like ours at home.



**The Christmas House**

Along with the advent calendar display, we took great pride in our Silent Night display where we created a village in the snow. We made little houses and with smoky chimneys and snow everywhere. It looked very much like a little village at Christmas time.

The Toddlers did an excellent job with regards to the Christmas play. Up until the big day they practiced every day with the songs and different movements. We enjoyed their efforts on the special day and we would like to say a big well done to all their efforts! We look forward to next year's big production.

## Older Babies

We would like to welcome Gabriel Harris into the older baby room.

Good-bye to Alex Santacana who will join the toddlers in the toddler room. Sara and Tammie hope you have fun in the room with Susan and Louise.

We had lots of fun this month with glitter, jelly, glue and paint.



**Playing with Jelly**

We made Christmas presents for mummy and daddy.

We all got in a sticky mess by making Christmas cards with snowmen on using cotton wool. Sara made an advent calendar with us so we could count down the days until Christmas. We all looked very sparkly when we had finished using the glitter to make the pictures.



**Advent Calendar**

On our display board we painted a Christmas tree and put presents under it. We painted the presents and covered them in glitter. We hung some gold baubles on the tree and some paper baubles, which we have decorated.



**Our Christmas Tree**

Tammie and Sara

### **Baby room news**

December was a very busy month for us down in the baby room; making calendars, cards and presents for mummy and daddy.

We spent a lot of time getting messy by painting using hands and brushes to make our Christmas things.

Thank you to all the children and parents that joined us for the Christmas party. I hope you would agree that the children enjoyed singing and playing the instruments with Michelle from Salt Box and the visit from Santa. It was a fun morning.



**Everyone singing along**

We welcome Joseph Kirkman to the baby room. Anna and Emma hope you enjoy your time with all of us down in the baby room



**Joseph enjoying bubbles with Mum.**

On the display board we have all the things to do with Christmas. We have a snowman, reindeer, Christmas bells and Christmas cards to name but a few.



**Merry Christmas**

### *Prams & Pushchairs*

If you have a pram or pushchair that you no longer require, we would be very grateful if it could be donated to the Nursery. This allows the younger babies to have more regular outings into the garden and outdoor activities.

### *Telephone Number*

If you need to contact us via telephone during the day, please can you ensure you call the direct line which is 01367 718888. Some parent's have been calling Head Office and although this telephone is downloaded regularly, it is not manned all day.

### **Forthcomming Dates**

19<sup>th</sup> March 2009 - Concept Photography,  
9.00am – 11.30am

### **Goodbye to:**

They will all be missed very much and we hope to see them around or have them pop in for a visit.

Jacob England

Rupert Cobourne

Annabelle Graham

### **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Fiona McInnes

Kind Regards

Jesie and Team