



# Nurture News

January 2019

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## A NOTE FROM RACHEL

Welcome back following the Christmas break and a warm 'welcome' to all of our new families, it has been lovely seeing how well the children have settled back in.

### STAFFING:

Thank you to all our families past and present for the kind wishes, donations and support they have shown following the sad news about our beloved Alison, she was a huge part of Nurture and will be sadly missed by all.

Hannah Plunkett is embarking on her Nursing Degree, we wish her all the luck with the exciting times ahead and are delighted that she will be staying on at Nurture on a part time basis alongside attending University.

Following the Christmas break we have welcomed several new practitioners to the team, all of whom have experience of working within an Early Years Setting.

- Courtney has joined babies
- Caitlin has joined 2-3's
- Laura has joined Pre-school
- Jess has joined Toddlers
- Chloe will be working between 2-3's & Pre-School
- Sophie will be joining Toddlers W/c 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Laura F has taken on the role of Admin and has settled in well, you may notice over the coming weeks she will be responding to your queries and emails.

### TRAINING:

This term we will be continuing with Quality Counts training to evaluate our current practice.

We will be evaluating the audit in more detail and implementing and working towards an action plan to ensure we are continuing to provide a high level of quality care and Early Years Education.

### 30 HOURS FUNDING:

The uptake for the 30 hours funding has been in huge demand since it was introduced, however the uptake has left us with extremely limited availability within Pre-School right through to January 2021!!!!

If your child will be in receipt of the funding before this date and you would like to increase your days/sessions to reflect this please speak to Rachel.

### Parents Evening:

Thank you to everyone who came along, it is great to be able to speak with families. Previous years we have held parents evening 3 times per year however we have noticed that attendance for the Easter parents evening is significantly less than at Summer and Christmas.

With this in mind we will not be holding parents evening at Easter and instead will have one June/July & Christmas.

We operate an open door policy and actively remind parents that they are welcome to come in at any time to discuss their child's learning and envelopment with their child's Nurturer.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

I have attached a copy of this academic year's term dates. If your child attends term time only and your dates vary slightly to those attached could you please let me know.

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Chinese New Year.

We will be holding a Chinese themed day, this will include a Chinese themed meal and a variety of activities.

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

Children are welcome to bring in and share their favourite stories with their friends, fancy dress welcome!

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

More details to follow.

#### W/c 18<sup>th</sup> March - Sports Relief

We will be holding a sports themed week, more details to follow.



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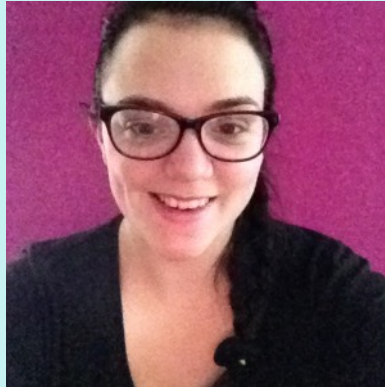
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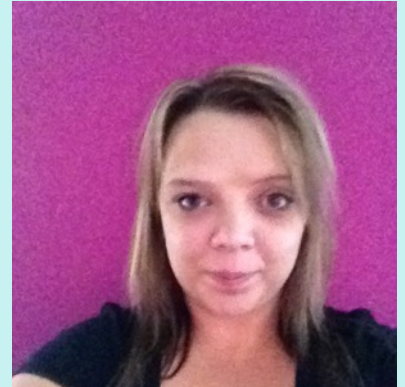
### Staff



**Lucy**  
Room Leader



**Kayleigh**  
Room Leader



**Amanda**



**Courtney**

Happy New Year and welcome back to our babies. We hope you have enjoyed the holidays celebrating Christmas with your families. We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome some of our new babies beginning to settle in during January and introduce Courtney our new member of staff in the baby room who joined us at the beginning of January and will be working full time.

### What we have been doing in the Baby Room

The babies had been involved in various Christmas themed activities during December, they thoroughly enjoyed the exploratory Christmas decoration tuff spot, watching the twinkly lights, touching the tinsel and rolling the baubles along the floor.



## Baby Room

### What we have been doing in the Baby Room ...

We made reindeer food for our visit from Father Christmas and created a Christmas present posting box which proved a big hit with the babies.

Thank you to our parents who came along to our Christmas party to join in the fun, games and Christmas sing along, we were also very lucky to have a special visit from Father Christmas who came with little gifts for our babies which was lovely to see.



### So what's next...

This month our theme is Winter and we have created our own snow with various textures such as cotton wool and shaving foam and the babies have braved the icicle water! Brrr





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**We have lots to celebrate in February starting with Valentines, we will be exploring various valentine themed activities for our babies.**

**It will soon be Chinese New Year and this year is the year of the Pig.**

**We will be celebrating this in our room with various craft and sensory activities, this includes sampling some oriental food!**

**During March we will be introducing a construction theme which will give the babies opportunities to practise their building with bricks and using tools.**

**As always we will be taking lots of pictures of our babies in action so be sure to log into 'parentzone' so we can share them with you.**