



Lanterns



Nursery School and Extended Services



December 2017

Dear Parents,

What a busy term it has been and what a lot of things we have been doing. This term has flown by, the children have settled very well and are always keen to learn and have fun.

In Bumblebees the children have really settled into nursery life. It has been lovely to see how relationships are growing with key people and each other during their time here. They have really made the most of Autumn, exploring the world around them, talking about what they had seen and bringing in things to share. During December they have been enjoying getting ready for Christmas and joining in with Christmas preparations and festivities.

Throughout the whole nursery we have had a very successful number week focusing on counting, the numbers around us, the language we use when talking about numbers and counting and number rhymes, stories and songs. The adults used this to really get to know what the children they work with really know about number and planned exciting activities to develop their learning in this area.

The 3 and 4 year olds have really been enjoying construction this term, we have had some wonderfully imaginative constructions and the children have worked together to share resources and develop their ideas as a team. They have been building and embedding their friendships, enjoying one another's company and having fun playing together. They have enjoyed using the home corner for their imaginative play based on their own experiences and we extended this to include a café, having picnics and the use of real food which promoted lots of discussion and built on physical development through cutting the food. The children have loved dressing up as different characters and using this to enhance a narrative in their play. They have also been involved in lots of creative activities especially in the lead up to Christmas - making cards, writing to Father Christmas, cutting out of magazines. We have been encouraging the children to help us as we build up our effectiveness as an eco-school and they have eagerly helped with sorting the rubbish and taking it to the recycling bins. We made the most of the cold weather and the children were very intrigued by the ice - exploring, investigating, making observations and noticing patterns and changes over time.

On Wednesday 13th December we enjoyed Christmas parties, a visit from Father Christmas, party games and food and a wonderful Christmas concert. Thank you to all the parents who brought their children in for this and to all the parents who attended. It was wonderful to celebrate Christmas with you all in this way and the children all did a great job of singing and signing to all the songs.

This term we said goodbye to Katie, as she enjoys her maternity leave and we welcomed Rachel to Bumblebees in her place. We sadly said goodbye to Stella and wish her lots of luck for the future. After Christmas we welcome Anri to Dragonflies and Steven, who you may have already met as a volunteer in Butterflies, to Ladybirds and Grasshoppers. We are very pleased that they have come to join our brilliant children and staff at Lanterns so please say 'hello' to them when you see them.

Finally I wish you and your family a very happy Christmas. I hope you have the chance over the Christmas period to have lots of fun, but also time to relax and enjoy!!

The school is closed on Friday 22nd December until Wednesday 2nd January 2018. We re-open on the 4th January.

Once again all good wishes for Christmas and the new year.



Lynsay Falkingham
Acting Head Teacher



Happy Christmas



Dates for your Diary Autumn 2 / Spring 1 at Lanterns



Thursday 21st Dec	The nursery school closes for the Christmas holidays.	CLOSED
Thurs 4th Jan 2018	The nursery school re-opens after the Christmas holiday.	OPEN
Tues 23 rd Jan.	INSET Nursery School closed all day.	CLOSED
Fri 9 th Feb.	The Nursery School closes for half term.	CLOSED
Mon 19 th Feb.	The Nursery School opens after half term.	OPEN



Severe Weather closures



In the event of severe weather conditions we will send out information via Parentmail, either by e-mail or by text. Information will also be on lanterns website www.lanterns.hants.sch.uk

If you do not receive Parentmail regular bulletins will be announced on:-
BBC Radio Solent 96.1fm or 103.8fm
Heart South Coast 96.7 or 97.5fm
The Breeze 107fm
The Coast 106.6fm & Wave 105fm

And information can be obtained on www.bbc.co.uk/hampshire or www.hants.gov.uk/education/schoolclosures

Listen to your radio and check online!



The weather at this time of year can be very chilly and sometimes unpredictable, as you know we do like to go outside. Please make sure that your child has warm clothing, a waterproof coat (and trousers if you have them), wellies or boots, hats and gloves and that all items are named.

Thank you



THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need on Friday 18th November, children and staff dressed in spots and in their favourite dressing up costumes. We raised £39.71 thank you!



We had a Christmas bake sale on Friday 15th December. Thank you to all who contributed and bought the fabulous Christmas bakes. We raised £70!



Thank you all for your support in selling and buying raffle tickets and congratulations to those that won. We still have some prizes that need collecting. We raised a massive £340. We will be using the money to buy enhancements to support the childrens learning experiences.

We now have a local giving box at Waitrose. We would greatly appreciate any tokens you get whilst shopping. We can then make further improvements to our outdoor play provision.



Have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

From

Everyone at Lanterns Nursery School and Extended Services

