



Spring 2017

January & February

**Welcome back to this Spring term!**

We all hope you had a good Christmas and New Year!

We would like to welcome all our new children, and are pleased that they have now settled in well.

**Staff**

We are pleased that Rute Alves has joined the nursery. Rute is a Modern Apprentice and will be based in the Ladybird Room.

We would also like to welcome Crystal Stretton back from maternity leave, Crystal is our Senior Nursery Practitioner and is based in the Butterfly Room.



**(Preschool)**

In January our themes were around winter and the new year. The children have been looking at the seasons and weather, and were thankful for the little snow we had. We have also been talking about their favourite memories from last year, as well as celebrating Chinese New Year.

In February our themes will be around Story Telling, and we will also be looking at Valentines Day and Pancake Day. We will be looking at different stories, making pancakes and, Valentine cards and biscuits



**(Toddlers)**

In January our theme was around "All about me".

We asked parents for family photos for our family tree, we introduced the new children to their new friends, and we also learnt about the different parts of our body, and used nursery rhymes to help the children.

In February The Butterfly Room will be focusing on "Transport". We would like all children to bring in their favourite toy from home, we will be looking at different types of vehicles. (Please see our Medium Plan in our Room for more information)



**(Baby Room)**

In the baby room we will continue to focus on our children's individual needs. Additionally the children have been happy exploring shaving foam play and painting, and we have also taken the children out for a long walk!

**Speech AMD Language Therapy Services**

The nursery has commissioned additional speech and language therapy services for children who we believe require additional support. Our Speech and Language Therapist is Cassie Neville, and she will attend our setting on a fortnightly basis, starting in February. She will be working closely with our staff to support children whom we have identified requiring targeted intervention. If you would like more information or help and support with your child please speak to Jacqui Stretton, Nursery Manager.

**Dates for your diary**

**Spring term**

Tuesday 3 January 2017 to  
Friday 17 February 2017

## Half Term Holiday

Monday 20 February 2017 to  
Friday 24 February 2017 (no  
funded sessions)

## Spring Term (continued)

Monday 27 February 2017 to  
Friday 7 April 2017

## Easter Holiday

Monday 10 April 2017 to  
Friday 21 April 2017 (no  
funded sessions)

## Clothing

Please can all parents label  
their children's clothing, as  
we have had wrong items  
being taken home, this is  
because some children have  
identical coats and bags.

## Parent Reminders

Please can parents not open  
the door to other parents,  
please can you alert a  
member staff.

## Outdoor Play

The weather has been up and  
down recently, and we would  
like to remind parents that all  
children should have  
appropriate outdoor clothing  
and footwear.

## REMINDERS

If your child is not attending  
nursery, or absent for any  
reason will you please inform

the nursery, otherwise we  
will be contacting parents to  
ask the reason for absence.

## MOCK INSPECTION

On Monday 30 January, the  
nursery commissioned Jenny  
Barber to carry out a mock  
inspection. Jenny has  
worked in early years for a  
number of years, delivering  
bespoke training for local  
authorities around the  
country and education  
organisations. She regularly  
contributes to various early  
years publications and has  
three books published.

None of the staff were  
aware except for the  
managers. We were aware  
that some staff had spoken  
to some parents about the  
"Inspection".

The purpose of the mock  
inspection was for Jenny to  
observe the practitioners,  
giving ideas and suggestions  
for developing activities and  
practice. It will also help us  
with any knowledge gaps,  
assess quality provision and  
the links to leadership &  
Management.

When we eventually told  
staff the next day, they  
reacted positively, but now  
we have to wait for the real  
inspection!

Jenny has produced a report  
to help us, and we have  
developed an action plan to  
implement her suggestions.  
Jenny was able to give us  
advice on many different  
areas of our provision and  
practice.

## Collection of Children

We would kindly like to  
remind parents, that the  
Nursery operates from 8am -  
6pm. Parents are to ensure  
children are not brought to  
the Nursery earlier than 8am  
and are collected before  
6pm, as the Nursery closes  
at 6pm. If a parent is  
unavoidably delayed due to  
unforeseen circumstances  
beyond their control, they  
must telephone the Nursery  
to inform them.  
Parents need to arrive  
before 6pm, to give enough  
time for Staff to give  
feedback on your child's day,  
pay Nursery fees, get your  
child organised etc., so as to  
ensure you have left the  
Nursery by 6pm.



If you haven't already please  
like our Facebook Page Roots  
& Shoots Day Nursery to see  
what we have been up to. If  
you have 5 minutes we would  
also love it if you could give us  
a little review on our page,  
thank you.



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