



Verwood Day Nursery Christmas Newsletter 2017



Our annual Christmas fair

A huge thank you to everyone that came along to our Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December. We had a fabulous time and with nearly 400 people attending it certainly was a busy but fun morning. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

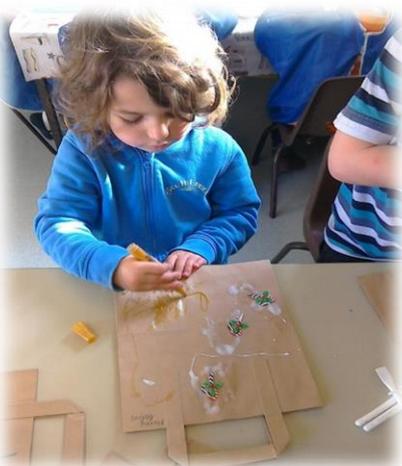


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Christmas art and craft

All the children throughout the whole nursery have been busy making and creating during November and December. With sparkles and glue covering many a floor each day, they proudly made cards, calendars and gifts to take home to their families.



Staff encourage even the youngest children to complete all these activities independently and children can choose how to use the materials provided, making each card, calendar and gift look individual and personal to each child.



Getting outside

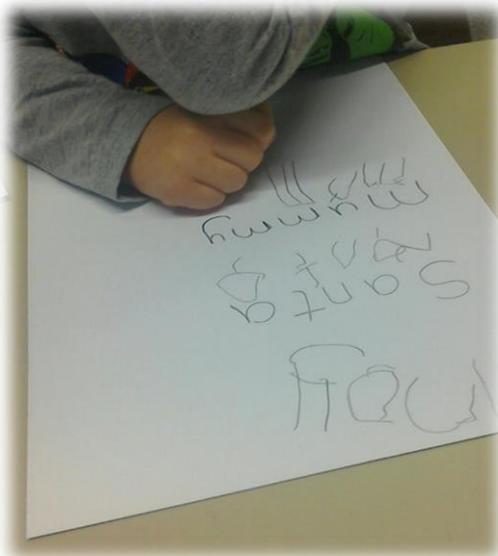
The changes in the weather over the last couple of months hasn't stopped us from going outside every day. Either wrapping up for the cold to go out and explore the ice or putting on our all-in-one suits to go out and splash in the puddles, we have had lots of fun.



We even brought some of the ice we found back inside to investigate and explore, but first we had to break it up so we could get it out! This led to lots of discussions about cold places and which animals live in cold places.



Letters to Santa



The children have been keen and eager to write their letters to Santa. This has encouraged them all to do some fantastic writing and they have been very proud of the marks and letters they have made. We had so many letters that we had to make our own post box!

We provide lots of opportunities for children to experiment with writing and when they are excited about doing something like a letter to Santa, they are beginning to understand that what they are writing down carries a meaning.

Employee of the year

Drum roll please

This year's Verwood Day Nursery employee of the year is Laura Sims.

Laura was awarded her trophy and prize at this year's 'staff do' in recognition of her continued determination and perseverance in completing her Level 3 qualification, something that took her several long months, but she got there in the end.

Well done Laura. We are all very proud of you.



Some reminders

Please label your child's clothes.

It is getting very difficult for staff to reunite children with jumpers and coats when they aren't clearly named. Many of you shop in the same shops and so we have many duplicate items of clothing, but in varying sizes! To help us out and to avoid any lost items, can I please ask that all clothing is clearly named.

We cannot be held responsible for anything that goes missing that doesn't have a name on it. Thank you.

Winter illnesses

If your child is unwell, we ask that you please do not bring them to the nursery. If they have been sick or had diarrhoea in the 24 hours prior to their day at nursery, they should remain at home.

If you have had to give them calpol or another form of pain relief for something other than teething pain, we feel that as they are unwell they should stay at home.

We must also remind you that ANY medication brought into the setting for the treatment of an illness or ongoing problem MUST be prescribed by a doctor or have an accompanying letter to confirm that it is ok for that child to have it and the correct dosage stated.

Illnesses in the setting pass round all the children and the staff too. We understand that the children are here while many of you work but if your child becomes unwell while they are with us, you will be expected to make arrangements to collect them as soon as possible.

We provide a full team of staff to care for your children every day, however, staff that are ill are also sent home!



Future events for 2018

Dates for your diaries

Chinese New Year – week commencing 12th February

The staff and children will be celebrating the year of the Dog and looking at different cultures and celebrations.

World book week – Monday 26th February to Friday 2nd March

The children and staff will be participating in World Book Day on Thursday 1st March dressing up as their favourite book character.

Annual Easter egg Hunt – Saturday 24th March

This fantastic event will be taking place once again for all of the children and families.

Parents evenings – May (dates to be confirmed)

We will be offering 10 minute appointments with your Childs key person to chat about their progress and next steps.

Sports Day – Friday 20th July

The nursery will host its 5th sports day for all our 3 and 4 year olds on Friday 20th July.

Leavers party – Saturday 11th August

Our annual farewell party for all our 'big school' boys and girls

Photographer – September (date to be confirmed)

Our annual visit from Concept photography

Parents evenings – October (dates to be confirmed)

We will be offering 10 minute appointments with your child's key person to chat about their progress and next steps

Pumpkin competition – Wednesday 31st October

We will once again be hosting a pumpkin week with a pumpkin carving competition for children, parents and staff.

Children in Need – Friday 16th November

We will once again be showing our support for this charity by having a themed day

Christmas Fair – Saturday 8th December

Our annual Christmas fair for all attending children and their families

Have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

From Rachel and all the team at Verwood Day Nursery