

# February 2023 Newsletter



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## A Note from Victoria

Dear Parents,

We are all very much looking forward to our fun packed February. Our rooms are now enjoying their new names and the nursery has been busy making Winnie the Pooh characters for their rooms and hall ways.

We are also very excited about introducing and using our new Early Childhood platform Family. I am hoping you all have received a letter explaining how to set up your Family account and we will be beginning to invite parents to join the platform during this month. The platform will be used by everyone fully by the end of February. Parenta will also no longer be used as from the end of this month too. So please download any pictures or observations that you would like to keep from your Parenta account before the 28th February, as I am afraid we may not be able to retrieve any of the information after this date. With Family, you will be able to access pictures, videos and announcements via the newsfeed or your child's profile. You will also be able to update permissions, report sickness and holidays, as well as being able to send messages to us whenever you need to. I do hope you find the platform easy to use and family friendly.

### Key children and room moves

Some of our children are making the move to a new room this month and we are beginning to settle the children with visits to their new room along with a familiar member of staff to ensure their transitions are smooth and reassuring for all of the children. If your child is moving rooms this month and you would like to visit their new room and meet the team please let us know and we will be happy to show you around. Your child will spend their first couple of weeks within the room bonding with the practitioners before they are assigned their new key person. The room leaders will let you know your child's new key person and will introduce you to them. If you do have any queries about your child's key person or room move please let myself, Leigh-Ann, Beth or India know and we will all be happy to help.

### Extra Curriculum

Along with Pro Tot's we are now really happy to announce we will be starting our Tatty Bumpkin class of yoga, movement and music. Classes are being held on a Monday's at 11.00. If you would like your child to take part please reserve your child's space directly through the website [childreninspiredbyyoga.com/tunbridgewells](http://childreninspiredbyyoga.com/tunbridgewells)

This month Pro Tots are playing TENNIS. Our wonderfully talented ProTots will be learning a range of new shots and skills!

**ProTot Sports** run every Wednesday (3:00pm), offering superb multi-sports development sessions to the children.

If you wish for your child to participate in this popular activity, please speak to the Nursery Manager to grab a PTS Joining Form, and join the fun (free trials are available)!

You can learn more about **ProTot Sports** by checking out their website: [www.prototsports.co.uk](http://www.prototsports.co.uk)

### Drop offs and Pick up's parking

Please can I remind everyone not to drive your cars onto the nursery's forecourt at morning drop off and evening pick up. This is because your children are very small and the cars are very big and these are the busiest times of the day. There is two hours free parking at the Waitrose car park. It is very important that we keep our children safe at all times. Thank you for your cooperation we really do appreciate it.

### Sick Children/medication

We do all we can to keep your children safe and well, however, unfortunately there are times when your little one will become unwell in our care. If this does happen your Room Leader will call you to arrange for them to be collected from the nursery if necessary. To try to keep all of the children and staff safe we will call parents if your child has a temperature of 38°C or above and ask for verbal permission to give your child Calpol. We will monitor your child for a further 30 minutes to see if they return to normal. If their temperature does not drop below 38°C within that time frame, we will ask you to collect them. If it does drop, but then rises above 38°C within 4 hours we will not administer a second dose of Calpol and you will be asked to collect.

If you give your child Calpol before dropping them to nursery in the morning this may indicate that your child may not be well, and you are masking their temperature. **If you have any doubt your child is not well, please keep them at home.**

### Change of Days and Extra sessions

If you would like to make a change to your set pattern of days or you need to book extra sessions, please could you email [managerhh@elannursery.com](mailto:managerhh@elannursery.com). Extra sessions can only be booked through the manager. Our staff members will not be able to arrange this for you. Unfortunately, as we are becoming much busier this may not be possible. However, I will always do my best to make those changes and add extra sessions where I can.



### Lost property

Please could you ensure all of your child's clothes, hats and shoes are labelled. The staff in the rooms do their best to keep track of items of clothing, but it helps us enormously to be able to send them home with the correct child if they are labelled, especially as we have children with the same, or similar, items of clothing. We do place our lost property rail in the reception area and boxes in the Tigger's and Roo's pick up room, so please do come along to see if there is anything in there that might belong to your child.

### Tiggers Room

We have had a very busy month! We celebrated Lunar New Year by making our own lanterns and doing our own dragon dances in the studio; we have been busy making our own Winnie the Pooh characters which you can see on the stairs; as well as going for walks in the warmer weather, playing in the sandpit in the garden and exploring the resources in our rooms.

The Tiggers have been busy exploring with puzzles recently too, we have some new shape and number puzzles, as well as some new threading beads and the children have been asking to use these every day which has been lovely to see. We have also has some new equipment in the studio, including hoops and a basketball net, which all of the Tiggers have appeared to enjoy using. In our big room, we have also introduced a throwing area, with bean bags and different baskets, many of our children have been showing great enthusiasm in throwing recently and are getting to be very good!

Some of our most popular and most requested stories this month have been Dear Zoo, Elmer and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The practitioners love our story times, the children listen so well and it is lovely to see how much they are able to join in

### Roos Room

January has been lots of fun in Roos! We started off by celebrating Lunar New Year, and we enjoyed painting and drawing rabbits as 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit, we also created collages with lots of red and orange materials. We created our own fireworks, with paint and teabags to see the Lunar New Year out with a bang! This month we have been very excited by our new construction resources, and have been building lots of towers, houses and cars. Roos have also had fun with our role play toys and have been pretending to be doctors, vets and builders.

As Roos is a new room we have been busy putting on our own personal stamp and have been creating lots of lovely pictures to hang on our boards to show off our excellent work. Roos have been particularly focused on our Gruffalo board as that is our book of the month, we have painted the Gruffalo and Fox and created some beautiful trees for our display. We took a lovely trip to the library, we were able to explore and choose different books that took our interest and share these with our friends and our practitioners. We borrowed



with us. Last week, we even went on our own bear hunt upstairs and found lots of them hiding all over the Tiggers room!

February is also looking to be another busy month, with key dates including Valentines Day and Pancake Day to celebrate. We are also looking forward to the weather continuing to improve and to be able to spend even more time outside. The practitioners have planned lots of outdoor activities ready for this month, including races, football, parachute games, painting, water play and going on nature and bear hunts. We will also be carrying out lots of arts and crafts and messy play together, as the children are showing more of an interest in this and are choosing to spend more and more time in our messy room.

a big copy of The Gruffalo and have been reading this lots throughout our month. Roos have begun to join in with the story and copy specific phrases, it's wonderful to see how much they are enjoying this story.

Roos have been enjoying all our messy play this month, exploring different textures with paint, foam, sand, corn flour and fabric to name a few. We have been very enthusiastic with our play and have been getting our hands (and clothes at times) very messy! February looks set to be another fun and busy month, with Valentine's Day and Pancake Day fast approaching and a new book of the month to be chosen. We are sure to spend lots of time outside in our garden digging in the sand and practicing filling buckets and cups up before making castles, we will also be visiting the library and going on lots of nice walks and adventures now the weather should hopefully be warming up!



## Robins Room

This month in Little Robin's we have had lots of fun activities. The children have been loving messy play so we have been exploring lots of sand, water, colorful play foam and sticking/painting.

We have made our own Chinese lanterns and explored a rice and noodle tuff tray which the children loved the different textures of as well as decorated dragons and rabbits to celebrate the Chinese New Year and it being the year of the rabbit. The children have been taking part in lots of lovely puzzles and a great colour sorting activities. We have made the most of our studio time and the children have loved the new basketball hoop we've got, we have also been making the most of the space and been doing some large scale drawing in there too.

Some of our older Robins have been loving looking after and caring for our toy babies they have been rocking them and putting them to bed as well as having baby bath times and putting nappies on them to help encourage their own personal hygiene and routines. The Robins have been really interested in water so we made our own indoor beach which the children enjoyed the textures of as well as babbling and chatting about the different sea creatures.

We are looking forward to doing some great Valentine's Day activities as well as eating and making lots of pancakes for upcoming Shrove Tuesday. Now the sunshine is coming out a bit more and our days are warmer we are all looking forward to going to park more and doing some outside activities

As we have had a lot of new starter please ensure children clothes are all labeled and if you have any questions please speak to any of the girls in the Little Robin Team.

Kind regards India



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