

Message from the Management Team

Welcome to our February newsletter. We have had a very busy month celebrating lots of festivals and special days namely Valentine's day, Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year.

We started the month with our Preschool children hosting their first Parent's assembly for 2018. How proud we are of them, singing lovely songs and rhymes and showing the work that they have produced in the past few weeks. What confident little people we have. Our next Preschool parent's assembly is on Tuesday 13th March at 2pm where we will be celebrating mother's day.

Next week on 7th March at 10am-12pm I will be holding a parent focus group. I have sent out emails to invite a number of parents. If you are one of the parents selected please let me know if you are unable to attend this.

Dates for your diary in March are dress up in green for St Patrick's Day on Friday 16th March. Dress up in Sports Clothes for Sports Relief on Friday 23rd March, we will be doing lots of sports activities that week in the lead up to Sports Relief Day.



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Introducing a Member of our Team



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Assistant in Chilli Peppers**

I relocated in 2017 from Essex to Handforth with my Husband and youngest daughter. I have three other children who are all still living and working in Essex who come to visit us often. I have previously worked in a Primary School as a Senco LSA for 14 years with children who had a variety of needs. We love to go walking with our dog 'Dave 2nd' and spending time together as a family.

Important Messages

- Please can all parents take care in the carpark. Please do not park right in front of the nursery doors as this is a health and safety risk.
- Please can all parents ensure that all items of children's clothing (this includes shoes) are labelled with their name to prevent items being lost.
- Please can all parents ensure that a pair of shoes are provided for your child while at nursery. This is to make sure that all children are able to access the outdoors. Please name your child's shoes.
- In this cold weather please make sure your child comes to nursery with the appropriate clothing and footwear. When children play outside we always make sure they have a coat, hat, gloves and appropriate footwear on.

Recipe of the Month: Moroccan Lamb



**Brought to you by
our very own Chef
Matthew**

Ingredients

500g died or minced lamb
100g dried apricots, chopped
4 carrots, chopped
1 onion, chopped
500ml hot water
3tbsp tomato puree
½ tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp ground cumin
½ tsp ground coriander

Method

- Cook the lamb in a frying pan for a few minutes then drain off the fat.
- Add the onions and the spices and fry for 10 mins, then add the carrots.
- Continue to fry until meat is brown.
- Add tomato puree, apricots and hot water, bring to a gentle simmer, cover with lid and cook for a further 15 mins.
- The dish is cooked when most of the liquid has been absorbed.
- Serve with couscous for a tasty dish.

Baby Peppers

This month in Baby Peppers we have been exploring lots of different textures and colors through our sensory trays. We explored Pancake Day by tasting pancakes and breaking them up using spoons. We have done lots of painting making spiders and hedgehogs for our display, also gluing and sticking, getting very messy. We have also been on a trip out, exploring Wilmslow and looking at books at the library. Our book of the month in March is Elmer and our song is I can sing a rainbow.

Tiny Peppers

This month in tiny peppers we have been celebrating lots of different festivals and celebrating such as Valentine's Day, Pancake Day and Chinese New Year. We've been exploring nature going on lots of trips and enhancing our heuristic play baskets. We've enjoyed learning about the weather and play outside in the puddles and exploring the ice. Next month our book of the month is 'can I help you grandma?' and our song is the finger song.

Sweet Peppers

This month in sweet peppers we have done food tasting of Chinese food. The children got to taste spring rolls, noodles, prawn crackers and egg fried rice. We also had a dressing up day for world book day. We also wore yellow for St David's Day. The children also got to make Valentine's Day cards for their families and friends. We also went on a trip to peter herd's bakery. Our book of the month for March is Chimp and Zee. Our rhyme of the month is '3 cheeky monkey's'.

Chilli Peppers

This month chilli peppers have been very busy. We have been focusing on our book of the month which is 'Elmer' We even created our very own Elmer's using tissue paper. We have also been focusing on our letter of the month which is 'Ss'. We have been celebrating Valentine's Day and have enjoyed making cards for our family and friends. We also celebrated Chinese New Year and explored some Chinese food tasting. We have been on a trip to the library to look for some new books. Chilli Peppers have made the most of the bad weather and explored the texture of the snow and had a big snowball fight in the garden. Our book of the month for march is 'the ugly duckling' and of the month is 'Aa'.

Learn

Enjoy Flourish

Grand Peppers

(Preschool 1)

This month we have been looking at fairytales and our book of the month was Mr. Wolf's pancakes which fit very well with pancake day when we tasted a delicious pancake. As part of the topic, the children have painted their favourite book characters and also enjoyed world book day when we all got to dress up too! We have been on many trips out this month, we have enjoyed the library a lot including a Lego session and a rhythm time session there. We also had a lovely trip out to Carr's park and have some more ideas for this in the future. This month was our first assembly and the children did very well. Next month we are looking at healthy/world food and reading the very hungry caterpillar.

Preschool 2 Peppers

Preschool 2 have had an exciting month. We have been looking at fairytales and our book of the month has been Red Riding Hood. We have drawn our favourite book characters and dressed as our favourite book characters for World Book Day! This month has been filled with celebrations, we have celebrated Chinese New Year by making lanterns and dragons. We have also celebrated Tibetan New Year by tying our "prayer flags" to the tree in the garden, telling them our wishes for the New Year. We have also tasted pancakes for Pancake Day and made special cards and bookmarks for Valentine's Day. We have been very lucky this month to be able to go out on lots of lovely trips out. We have been to the library for rhythm time and also for a Lego session. Then we had a fantastic trip to Carr's park where we went on the woodchip playground and collected sticks and leaves for our loose parts play at nursery. Thank you all for the great support shown to the children at their first assembly of the year, they really enjoyed it! Next month we are reading the hungry caterpillar and looking at healthy food from around the world!

Photos

