

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back- we hope you have had a relaxing holiday. Thank you for all your lovely gifts, cards and well wishes- they were much appreciated. Please share with us a holiday “Wow” moment that your child experienced (learning something new/ being very kind/ helpful), by filling in and sending back the wow certificate sent.

Our topics for this term are special celebrations (Epiphany, Valentine’s day, Chinese New Year and Easter) and fairy tales. Towards the end of term as the weather improves, hopefully, we will start looking for signs of spring and new life.

This week we are celebrating Epiphany, the visit of the three kings to baby Jesus, after following the star. We will be making crowns and camels for acting out the story, counting and printing stars and making different sized play-dough stars. In some countries, it is the custom to leave out shoes filled with grass for the camels to eat and in return the wise men leave a small gift! We will try this in nursery!

Our rhyme this week is our Nativity song:

*We are wise men, 1...2...3*

*We’re looking for a baby king, where is He?*

Nursery fund **voluntary** donation is £2 per week or you can pay for the term: 6 weeks before half term = £12 and 7 weeks after half term = £14, total payment £26.

The deadline for applying for your child’s Reception place is fast approaching (15<sup>th</sup> January); please check that you have had a confirmation email from the council of your application. If you apply on time, you will receive your child’s school offer on National Offer Day 16<sup>th</sup> April). If you only put one school as your choice and that school is full, the council will choose an alternative school for you so it is better to name several schools. If your application is late, it won’t be processed until after 19<sup>th</sup> April when many schools will be full.

**Dates for your diary:**

School Reception Place Application **deadline- 4pm 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Half term holiday: 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> February

Last day of term: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Best wishes from all the Nursery Staff