

January 2023 Newsletter



Notes from Sarah

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year and enjoyed time off with your families. We would like to say a huge thank you for all of our lovely gifts and kind words at Christmas.

A big welcome to all the new families to preschool. We have an Open door policy at Preschool so please do get in touch if you have any feedback or concerns. sarah@elannursery.com 01444 451970.

School starters 2023

For all children who will be starting school in September 2023 the deadline for school application is 15th January 2023. You will need to apply online and you will not receive any reminders from WSCC.

www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/starting-school-places

Dates for the Diary

Closed Friday 7th and Monday 10th April for the Easter Weekend

Closed Monday 1st May - Bank holiday

Closed Monday 8th May - Coronation

Closed Monday 29th May - Bank holiday



Notes from Lucy

We have had a fabulous festive season here at preschool this month! We started the month by cutting, arranging and decorating our Christmas trees! The children loved getting involved and helped to unwrap the netting, tighten the stand and decorate with lights and baubles!

With the children, we then created a festive Christmas café and Christmas role-play, which has been very well used over the past month! We have all been very excited to see what our cheeky elf on the shelf has been up to each night and it has been a fabulous spin off topic for the children, which has been extended into elf artwork, dress up, elf hunts, elf stories and much more!

We were all so excited to see the snowfall this month and we were so pleased all of our families made it into preschool safely in the snow! The children loved exploring our snowy garden dressed head to toe into their winter gear! We had snowball fights, painted the snow, explored freezing, built snowmen and created snow angels! Not only was the snow outside but it made its way into sensory trays where we had snow letter stamping, potions, snow building and winter tuff trays! And, of course, to finish the snow day, we all had a lovely warm cup of hot chocolate!

Christmas decorations have been in full swing! We have made window decorations, paperchains, and Christmas trees in playdough, clay ornaments, gingerbread cookies and lots more!

In Protots Sports, the children have been learning hockey! Even In the snow, Michael (Protots coach) adapted into a lovely ice hockey session! It has been fantastic to see the children's progression into fantastic hockey players with great balance and control!

We explored Hanukkah this month too! We cut, stuck and decorated our own menorahs, spoke about why and when the candles are lit and why this is celebrated around the world! We then explored traditional Hanukkah food such as latkes and sufganiyot's!

The children practiced their literacy skills as they wrote their letters to Santa! This included what they would like for Christmas this year and a message to Santa! We also discussed how we could give to others this Christmas not just with gifts but also with act of kindness!

We had a fantastic Christmas lunch this year! Turkey with all of the trimmings went down very well with the pre-schoolers! We had festive tableware, Christmas music and lots of lovely singing! The Christmas crackers were enjoyed by all and the Christmas hats were a huge success!

We finished off the month with a visit from Santa himself and the children were all very excited to receive a present! He told them all about is reindeer, the North Pole and how hard he's been working to make sure they all have a lovely Christmas!

From everyone here at preschool, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Thank you all for your ongoing support and we will see everyone in 2023!



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