

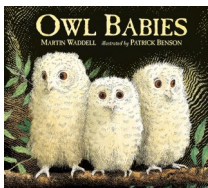
Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year. It has been lovely to see the children returning to nursery and also to welcome all of our new children and families. We had a wonderful end to the Autumn Term with the visit from Ark Farm, our Christmas parties and our Christmas Family Celebrations. This term we have lots of exciting experiences planned for the children. We will be meeting owls, hatching chicks and also enjoying our 'Community Week' after half term. Do read your weekly emails from your keyworker and keep an eye on Class Dojo for more detailed information.

Best wishes, Helen Ackerman (Headteacher)

Curriculum

We base our curriculum on books and rhymes and these often have a seasonal theme. During this half term, we will be having a focus on birds. The children will be enjoying the story of 'Owl Babies' and will be learning the key Makaton signs and vocabulary in the book. We will also be learning how to look after the birds in winter by making bird feeders and we will be learning how to use binoculars to spot them and identify them. We will be sharing more information on Class Dojo.



A big 'thank you' to Martin and Steven for building the new pallet den in the garden. The children are really enjoying playing in it.



Winter clothes

During this cold weather please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves. As you can imagine our cloakroom area can get very busy and it's easy for items to get lost. **Please ensure all of your child's clothing is named.** This really helps with keeping track of items and ensuring things don't go missing. Thank you.



Governor News

Last term we welcomed a number of our governors in for governor visits. These included an SEN visit, a safeguarding visit and a wellbeing visit. These visits are really useful as they help us assess what we are doing well and also give us ideas for improvement.

We're very grateful to our governors for giving up their time to support the school.



Staff News

This term we welcome two new members of staff.

Emily Young has joined us in Treetops and is starting her apprenticeship in childcare with us.

Floreta Mrishaj has joined us in Acorn and Oak room as a Teaching Assistant.

We said a temporary 'goodbye' to our student teachers—Izi and Ashlene as they are completing their primary school placements this term. We will welcome them back after Easter.

This term we will be hosting some students from the University of Hertfordshire who are undertaking the Early Childhood Education degree.

Can you help?

We are looking for some items to support the children in their play and learning. If you have any of these you can donate, please drop them off at the school office.

Mirrors—handheld, compact or small

Old keys—any shape or size

Kitchen utensils—such as wooden spoons or potato mashers

Wool—any colour

Thank you!



Donations

We are very grateful for snack donations, which pay for vegetables, fruit and food for our snack table as well as ingredients for cooking and playdough. **If you feel able to make a contribution this would be greatly appreciated, thank you.** This can be paid termly (£28) or half termly (£14).

We would prefer this payment to be made electronically through the school bank account please, details are: Sort code: 20-17-19 Account number: 33888401. Please use your child's name as a reference. If you prefer to pay cash, please put in a named envelope and give it your child's keyworker or the school office.

We also welcome donations for our weekly themed 'Love Ludwick' initiative, thank you for your continued support with this initiative

We would also like to thank Warburtons Bakery for providing us with a weekly donation of baked wholemeal breads and to the Chaplin family, who have very kindly been delivering the donations from the factory to the school.

