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Newsletter January 2017

Dear Parents and carers.

Happy New Year, and welcome back to school.

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays however they were spent and you have all rested.

We have started our new topic - traditional stories. This week the children have been learning about Goldilocks and the 3 bears. We have explored mathematical language as we look at size and shape of the Mummy, Daddy and baby bear and their house in the story, and the children have been exploring numbers, patterns and sequencing as they match bears to cards in the Blue Room. Please help them to look and label the different sizes of objects at home and use words like smaller, bigger, biggest, and round, square, circle, triangle, matching or different. We are holding a Numeracy workshop with ideas of activities that you can do at home on 24/1/17 at 9.00 and 12.30. Please come along if you would like to understand how your child is learning numeracy.



We plan to revamp our outside spaces over the next 2 terms to make these more interactive for the children; and so are holding a table sale of second hand toys and books on 19/1/17 to raise additional money. Parents are welcome to donate toys and books in good condition to the table; please bring them to Nursery School on 19/1/17. There will be no prices, just a pot for a donation to our garden fund!

Our coffee catch ups will be on the same day, at 9.00 and 12.30 so please come; meet new parents; hear about the garden ideas and get involved.

I know that you are all aware of the staffing difficulties we experienced last term; the need to have in agency staff at short notice was unsettling for everyone. The children coped well, and I am pleased to say that we now have long term staff in place, apart from Henrietta, who is covering for Ania, our teacher, until half term whilst she recovers from her foot operation.

You will notice new faces, both of some additional children and more staff to support our SEND pupils. To help parents, we will have the staff photos displayed on the parents board in the Nursery School.

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| Dates for your diary: | 19/1/17 | Coffee catch up with Cathey |
| | | Table sale of secondhand toys/books |
| | 24/1/17 | Numeracy workshop for parents |
| | 6/2/17 | Traditional stories dress up day |
| | 13 - 17/2/17 | Half term. Playscheme available. |
| | 20/2/17 | Staff training day - school closed for children. |



Cathey Peart, Acting Headteacher.