



# SCARCROFT GREEN

## day nursery

## Winter Newsletter 2019 Happy New Year

### Staff Changes

We have welcomed Joanna Smith as a Early Years Teacher/Learning Manager in the Toddler Room. Joanna has a wealth of experience and knowledge to support the Scarcroft Team.

We congratulate Emily from the Toddler Room on the birth of her son James. In addition, Rachel has also started her Maternity with her baby due in March. Ruta is due to return at the end of her maternity leave, I will keep you updated .

### Changes

We have been looking at the nursery environment and developing the areas to display a natural, inviting setting. Looking

at the 'Curiosity Approach'

<https://family.co/blog/management/natural-environment-curiosity-approach-interview/>

This link gives a little information around the approach. You may have noticed a few examples of natural resources' in the nursery foyer.

To help us implement this approach, we are requesting any natural objects for the children to explore: for example, corks, spoons, natural fabrics, stones/pebbles. Follow the link for more ideas:

<https://beautifulenvironments.wordpress.com/>

Thank you in advance, we very much appreciate your support.



### Forest School

The Pre-school children are loving Wild Things Forest School on a Wednesday morning. They have the opportunity to explore a wooded area, building dens looking for bugs and toasting marshmallows over an open fire, I think the practitioners enjoy it too.





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### Pre-School

Renate has returned from Josephs to resume her position of Learning Manager/Early Years Teacher. We have lots of activities going on, with a new mud kitchen in the outdoor area, created by our friendly handy man. 'Show & Tell' is on Tuesday in January, we ask the children to bring in an object or memory to discuss in circle time, encouraging children to listen, discuss and share. Practitioners also introduce a different letter and word every week, inspiring children to explore a variety of sounds.

### Toddlers

We have had new wooden flooring laid in the toddler room, so lots more messy play activities are being provided. Practitioners have created a 'Time Line' display, along the stair well, showing photographic evidence of

the children at play at various times of the day. The Toddlers like to know what is happening next, and enjoy seeing themselves and their peers at play. We have been looking at our outdoor play area, planning to incorporate a storage area for toys and acquire a small shed for the children to explore.

### Baby Room

The Babies have been busy baking and experiencing lots of sensory activities.

The next steps for each child has been working exceptionally well with parents supporting the children's learning at home.

The Baby room team have requested that parents bring in a box from home with a variety of photographs of their child's family/friends and resources that their child is interested in, to share at nursery.

### Security

Please can we urge parents not to let people follow them into the building. Please help us to keep the nursery as secure as possible by operating the front door with caution. Please don't let older siblings operate the door system. Please can you let a senior member of the team know if your child is being picked up by someone different, and a password is required.

### Thank You

I wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome at Scarcroft, through your daily comments, interactions and your supportive participation at the Parent Forum. Please do not hesitate in contacting me with any questions/ queries that you may have

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