

# EARLY YEARS NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring term. We have already been incredibly busy since we have been back after having our boiler fixed. Thank you for your patience during the closure. The pipes have all been fixed and the school is lovely and warm. There is still some work to be done in the Reception corridor which will take place during our half term, but this is just to finish off the flooring.

This week the children in reception have been reading *The Gingerbread Man*. They have been learning to retell the story so please encourage them to retell it to you at home. They have also enjoyed making gingerbread men, Salman, Polly and Amila gave the mixture a good stir and the finished biscuits looked quite delicious.



In Nursery children have settled back to school amazingly well. Along with the rest of the school, they enjoyed a visit from Craig the Storyteller, last Thursday. Here are Foxes, mesmerised, by his performance!



I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for helping to fund our trip to the Theatre last term. It was a truly magical experience for the children and one they will not forget. I would also like to thank all the parents that came along to help support the children, and Ms Tuvey, Ms Johnson and Mrs Rimmer from Nursery, for coming all the way from school to help us come home safely after the show. More details about our trip can be found in the main Newsletter.



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## Toddler groups Wednesday's 9.15 – 10.45

### Upcoming Dates

#### January 2018

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Children back to school  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Toddler group starts again  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 12.45 – 1.30 pm - play dough workshop

#### February

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.00 – 9.45 Family Thursday  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February last day

#### Half Term

Nursery trips to Bethnal Green Toy Museum dates t.b.c.  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> back to school and Chinese New Year lunch  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.00 – 9.45 and 3.30 – 4.00pm –EYFS Science workshop

#### March

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – WORLD BOOK DAY  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Maths and Science week  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Science Fair  
Nursery trips to the Farm dates t.b.c.  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – last day for Nursery  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – School finishes 1.00pm

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!**

To all the parents who have

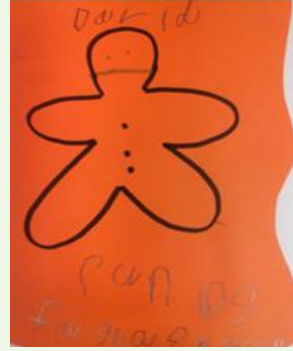
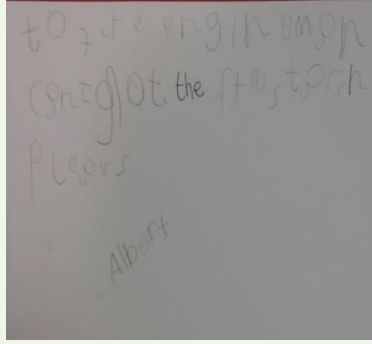
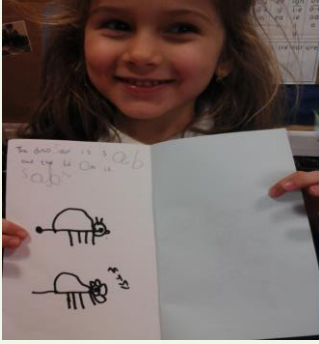
contributed their **£10**

Your money has been used to buy ingredients for the gingerbread men.

It's still not too late to contribute,

Just hand the money into your child's class

## Our Work this Week



Well done Gloria from Otters for writing your first story about a sad dinosaur and a sad lion. Well done to Albi for writing a letter 'To fire engine man, can I go to the fire station please?'. I wonder if they will return his letter. Well done to David and Navdeep for writing their favourite captions from The Gingerbread Man.

## Welcome to our new children



Welcome to Priscilla in Robins and Chekinah in Foxes, they are our new two year olds. Welcome Luciano also in Foxes, Michael in Otters, Daniel in Hedgehogs and Isabelle in Pinemartens. Well done to all of you for settling in so well into your new classes. We hope you enjoy every minute of your time at George Tomlinson!

Chekinah is already making friends with Mohammed and has enjoyed everything about the Nursery so far!

## Around and About



In the field this week the reception children were challenged to see who could make the tallest structure to hold a dinosaur egg. There were some amazing results! Above are the children from Hedgehogs busy making their gingerbread biscuits! The children have been out in the garden as well this week getting it ready for planting. Thank you to Miss Corbett for all your wonderful activities this week, the children have really enjoyed working on them.



## Happy Birthday



Aila in Otters who turned 5 on Friday, Muhammad in Robins and Thirza in Foxes who all turned 4!



## Staying Safe



Firstly thank you and well done to all parents and carers for getting your children to school on time and leaving promptly in the morning, this has made a huge difference to the children's early morning learning.

On entering and exiting through the school gates, can you please remind children to walk their scooters and bikes through the gates to avoid collisions. To ensure children stay safe exiting cars, can you make sure your car is parked safely and children are using the pavement side doors to get in and out.

Many Thanks  
Have a wonderful weekend  
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