

KLTs Newsletter January 2025

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a great Christmas and end to your 2024.

Let's go 2025!!

Important Dates –

13th January – Green Night @ Redbrick (4-6)

14th January – Green Night @ Shenstone (4-6)

29th – Chinese New Year dress up (wear red or something to represent the year of the snake)

New Staff –

KLTs would like to send a warm welcome to Chloe M and Alex!

Chloe M is making her return after a short break! She will be back with us on Monday 6th Jan, working 4 days per week. Chloe will be working across Parrots and Preschool primarily.

Alex will be starting at Shenstone as our new apprentice on Tuesday 7th Jan. Alex will not be a part of staff:child ratios and will be observing our practice whilst working towards his level 2 qualification. Alex will be working with us 4 days per week, 9-4:30.

Staff Changes –

We have made a few staff changes for the new year. These decisions have not been made lightly, and we strongly believe that these changes will be beneficial to all children/staff requirements.

Amy will be moving upstairs to Parrots to work alongside Aleks.

Emily will be taking on a new role as SENCO for both of the nurseries. Emily will be managing her own schedule, making appointments with parents/outside agencies where necessary.

Ruth will be working Thursdays now, upping her days to 4 per week.

Charlotte S will be changing her hours to work 4 days per week, 7:30-6.

The HANDi App –

It's the time of year when bugs can play on your mind. If your baby or child is unwell, HANDi will ask you questions about their condition to help you decide the best course of action - and with all the advice on HANDi developed and approved by NHS paediatricians and other healthcare professionals, you can rest assured that you're getting the best possible advice. It includes the most common childhood illnesses including diarrhoea, vomiting and high temperature.

Congratulations! –

A huge congratulations to Craig who has completed his level 5 qualification!

Craig, you have put so much effort into doing this, especially with a newborn! We are all very proud of you.

Thank you for all of the feedback on the following items! We are so happy to see you enjoying them as much as we hoped. We would love to see pictures of your children using these, if you could please email them for our display.

Story Sacks –

We are missing a few story sacks. If you have taken these to use with your children, please could we have them returned as soon as you are finished. Please hand these back to a member of staff so we can replenish the contents before the next person uses them.

Learning Bags –

Learning bags are still available to use from the cabinet at the front of the nursery. Please can we ask that when you are finished with these, that you please hand them to a member of staff so that we can replenish them.

Food Bank –

Just a reminder that there is a foodbank outside of both nurseries. Thank you to everyone who has and continues to donate to these. If you or anyone you know needs to use it, it is available 24/7.

Library –

We have loved seeing the pictures of your children enjoying their library books! We have had to locate this inside due to weather. If you would like to choose/swap a book, please let a staff member know so we can let you in.

Toys from Home –

Please refrain from bringing toys in from home. We are not saying this isn't allowed, but we are seeing an increase in toys being broken, going missing and causing conflicts between other children.

We appreciate this may help get your children into nursery, but we cannot hold responsibility for these things happening to your toys from home.

Redbrick House –

We will be doing lots of Chinese New Year activities this month. On the 29th January we will be doing some Chinese food tasting!

Dolphins –

Younger –

Our topic for January is 'All about me'.

Homework – Please could you create us a collage of things which you love? This could include your favourite tv show, characters and pictures of you doing things you love most!

Older –

Our topics for January are stories and fairytales.

Homework – Please could you create us something based on your favourite story/fairytale? We will be adding these to our display board!

Parrots –

Our topics for January are people who help us and transport.

We would love if some parents could come into nursery to speak to the children about what you do for a living. This can be any job at all. We can work out a date/time to suit you for this.

Homework – Please could you colour/draw a picture of your favourite book? Please include some words on the back of why this book is your favourite. We will be adding these to our display in our newly decorated cosy corner.

If you haven't already, please could you bring us some wetsuits and wellies for your children to keep at nursery? We will use these for forest school trips.

Preschool –

Welcome to all of our new preschool children! You have all done so well moving across, we can't wait to help you during your next transition to big school!

Our topics for January are Arctic Animals, Habitats and Chinese New Year.

A reminder to please send your children's WOW moments in! If you need new sheets for this, please ask a member of staff.

If you haven't already, please can you send us some family photos for our display? We would love to make sure all children are up on the board.

Homework – As it is the year of the snake...please could you create/decorate your own snake to share with the classroom during circle time?