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## Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely break over the Christmas Holidays and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

We ran a holiday club for a few days over the break and the children had lots of fun. They enjoyed some cooking activities, making biscuit houses and Christmas sweets. We also ran some great Forest School activities, the children took part in making hot chocolate using a Kelly kettle and made medallions using the hand drill. It was a great week filled with Christmassy fun the children even enjoyed some snow! Please see our website where you can see more photos of what the children got up too. Our booking form for the February half term holiday club will be loaded onto the website soon, please book your spaces early to avoid disappointment.



# A New Term

We have lots of exciting things planned for the new term. The children will be enjoying activities surrounding our theme weeks which are Being Healthy, Feelings, Breakfast week and more. Please refer to our Planning sheets that have been sent via email for additional information and for details on the theme nights we will also be running.

# **Forest Schools Activities**

Forest Schools is a fun outdoor adventure for children. Activities are set up for children to experience, explore and enjoy the outdoors in a safe way. We really enjoy running our Forest School activities and are planning on running regular sessions at some of our sites starting this term. The activities the children will be enjoying are making Mud Faces, Forest Crowns, Map Sticks, Making medallions, Whittling, Making bird feeders and learning fire safety. We believe Forest School activities allow the children to gain extra confidence in their abilities and enable the children to develop their social and physical skills.



### Invoices

You should have received an email last November detailing a change in when payments made to us should be received. As of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 payments will be due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. We are hoping, after the initial disturbance, this will prove to be a better way of doing things for everyone involved. We also want to advise you of a £1 administration charge that we have introduced for people paying by cheque, this is because we are now being charged by then bank to process them. We encourage people to pay via bank transfer or childcare vouchers where possible.

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# **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to all of those people who sent in a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. The response was huge and this year we sent off a massive 946 shoeboxes! The shoebox service was held at Wilstead church and it was a lovely way to celebrate the kindness of our community. Our shoeboxes were sent to Serbia and were a welcome gift to lots of children as you can see from the photograph opposite which is from the Operation Christmas child Facebook page.

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# Staff Announcements

Firstly we would like to say a huge Congratulations to the Manager of our Balliol club, Becky, who welcomed a baby boy over Christmas, lovely news! We would like to say a big Well Done to Angela who was awarded 'Most Developed Learner' by Central Bedfordshire earlier this year. Also a big Well Done to Tracey from our Kings Oak club, who has been awarded with the manager's spot award for 'Outstanding Performance'. We value our staff and are very proud of all their achievements. We are always looking for new members of the Dawn Until Dusk team, if you are interested in join us please do not hesitate to contact us via our email address or head to our website where you can an download application form.

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Thank you for your continued support, please do not hesitate to contact us with any comments or concerns.

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