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January 2017—Welcome back to everyone, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a happy and healthy 2017. We would also like to welcome our new children and their families.

DIARY DATES

28 Jan – Chinese New Year’s Day. Year of the Rooster.
 20—24 Feb Half Term. **Nursery CLOSED**. Oosc **OPEN** 8 am – 6 pm
 27 Feb - Nursery **re-opens**.
 28 Feb - Shrove Tuesday.
 26 March- Mothering Sunday.
 w/c 27 March – Female parent/carer’s invited into Nursery to help out. Please see information below.
 29 March – Nursery group photograph – 9 am
 6 April – last day of Nursery – Easter Party (Thursday).
 7 April - Staff Training—Nursery **CLOSED** (Friday).
 10 - 21 April Nursery **CLOSED** for Easter Holidays
 Oosc **OPEN** 8 am – 6 pm
 14 & 17 April - **Nursery & Oosc CLOSED** for Bank Holidays.
 24 April - **Nursery re-opens** (Monday).



“What we are learning this term” - the theme this term is “Superheroes”. We welcome feedback and updates on your child. This can be done either verbally with your child’s Key person and/or by e-mailing photographs of your child/children taking part in activities/outings. We value contributions from parents/carer’s to children’s Individual Learning Plans.

Things to remember. Please remember to sign your child in and out each session: To inform us if your child is absent and also to request any holidays in writing: Please write your child’s name in **ALL** of their belongings and if your child does lose anything please check the lost property box near the main entrance: Notices are displayed either on the main door of the Setting and/or on our Notice board which is situated in the main corridor near the toilets: Codes to access the website will be given to parents/carers of all new starters.

Chinese New Year - One of our parent’s (Shetmoi) will be coming into Nursery to sample some Chinese cuisine with the children. The children will also be practising the dragon dance and making dragon masks.

ALLERGIES - We have a child at Nursery who suffers from a **SEVERE** egg allergy, this includes all egg products. We are asking that all parents/carers are mindful of this when preparing your child’s packed lunch. We would appreciate your full support and co-operation in this very important matter. If you require any further information/have any questions you would like to ask please do not hesitate to see a member of staff who will be happy to assist.

ILLNESS—As this is the season when most people pick up sickness/flu bugs just a quick reminder if your child has suffered from sickness or diahorrea please remember to keep them away from the setting for 48 hours (please see our Policy on Exclusion for Illness for more information). Please also be aware that if your child is suffering from any other infections i.e. Chicken Pox we would be grateful if you could inform a member of staff.

Mothering Sunday — during the week commencing **27th March** we will be inviting female parents/carers/relatives into the Nursery to join in with various activities and to join in with our fun and learning. This would provide a valuable opportunity to see the day to day routine of the nursery. Please note that our parent/carer rota runs throughout the year during term time. Please speak with a member of staff if you wish to add your name to our rota.

Weather – Please can you ensure that your child has a pair of wellies and a raincoat at nursery with them, with their name clearly marked on them. Children’s winter footwear — could we ask that you send your child to Nursery with appropriate indoor footwear during the winter months. Staff will be more than happy to change your child’s footwear on arrival at Nursery if it is necessary for them to travel to and from the setting in wellingtons/snow boots.

Out of School Club – Remember we are open during the holidays and offer special price Play Sessions as well as full or part-time care. Half term activities for February – information will be available on the website by the end of January 2017. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Walks around the village – During January the staff will be taking small groups of children for walks around the village. The adult-child ratio is very high for these walks. Consent for these walks is covered in the main consent form which you completed with your Registration form. Please ask a member of staff if you wish to see the schedule to enable you to send your child/children in appropriate clothing for these walks. Many thanks.

Tea Menus/Allergens - To view the updated menus and for detailed information on allergens in food/food allergies etc please visit our website www.healingnursery.co.uk/menus-snacks-meals/

Phonics time— **Children** will participate in small groups with their Key Person activities will be based on their Individual Learning Plans.