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## Staff news:

We welcomed Jade Williams and Lizzie Cornes to the team whom both started in January. We also welcomed Robbie back from his travels.

Jenny Dickinson leaves on the 13th Feb to go on maternity leave and Daisy Elliott will also be going on maternity on the 13th March. We wish them both all the very best and look forward to hearing the news! We will keep you posted.

## Charity of the Year:

This year Munchkins has chosen 'Action for Children Exeter' as their Charity of the Year.

"Exeter Children's Centre provides a range of targeted Early Help services to families with Children aged 8 years and under to provide Early Help, to the whole family from pregnancy through to aged eight, when families most need support using the "team around the family" approach. Early Help means taking action to support a child, young person or their family early in the life of a problem, as soon as it emerges. It also applies to all children and young people, with any form of need."

Munchkins will be holding events such as the Fireworks night and a special Christmas event to raise funds to help support this wonderful cause. And we really appreciate any donations that you make throughout the year. Thank you so much.

<u>Holiday discount:</u> As the holiday season is fast approaching can parents please remember (as stated within the terms and conditions) we require a minimum of 4 week's notice to apply the holiday discount to any future child holiday bookings.



With the colder weather here, please can you ensure your children have warm hats, gloves and waterproof coats so the outdoors can still be enjoyed. Please ensure they have your child's name in them to assist with returning them to their rightful owners.

Can we please also remind parents who place buggies in the storage areas to collapse them if possible, as it saves congestion and makes for clear exits.



<u>Chicks:</u> Once again we have 'Incredible Eggs' helping us to set up our own hatching kit, from 3<sup>rd</sup> March untill 13<sup>th</sup> March. After a few days the chicks will hatch allowing the children to observe them and to grow and care for them before they are collected and re-homed to a local farm. The chicks will be based in the Pre-school café. Please feel free to come and see them upon collection times.

## World book day:

To celebrate our love of stories we will be enjoying World Book Day on 5th March with some planned activities in the individual groups and we ask if your child would like to dress up as their favourite character from their favouirte book. If they also bring in the book please make sure you put your child's name on the inside cover.

## Dates for the diary

- \* Chicks arriving 3rd March
- \* World Book Day 5<sup>th</sup> March
- \* Red Nose Day 13th March
- \* Bank Holiday Nursery closed 10th & 13th April
- \* Bank Holiday Nursery Closed 8th & 25th May
- \* Fireworks Event 5th November
- \* Christmas Event 8th December