



# South Hills Winter Newsletter 2011

**We wish you a merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year !**

Dear Parents,

The buzz of excitement in the nurseries is palpable. The children are busy rehearsing nativity plays and learning traditional Christmas songs and letters have been written inviting Father Christmas to join us on our party days.

This autumn term has been incredibly busy but very rewarding. Wiltshire Early Years Education Department, asked if we would assist them in managing another nursery, until they are able to make a suitable appointment. Once again Hilary, has rolled up her sleeves and stepped into the breach - a special thanks to her and Caroline who has lead the Bemerton team in her absence.

In Hindon Nursery, Ann and Samantha have now moved into their new base. Thanks to all their hard work, it looks a warm and inviting environment for the children.

The children in Wilton have been busy with the arrival of a new litter of pigs and learning to speak French.

Thanks to all the staff for their dedication and love they share with the children.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

Best Wishes

Lee and John

South Hills School

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ We look forward to seeing you all back after a lovely Christmas on the 3rd January 2012.
- ☺ Barn 1 will be swimming on Monday mornings.
- ☺ Fitness fun will be continuing on Wednesday afternoons
- ☺ Rugby Tots will be as normal on Thursdays

## Baby Unit

Seasonal greetings from the baby unit.

This term we have enjoyed getting to feed the goats, we even got pretty good at rounding up the odd sheep after they had escaped! We gave them lots of hay but the wheelbarrow was the big highlight.

We have also had fun preparing for Christmas, decorating our tree, making decorations and cards, and some tasty peppermint creams.

The children in Peter Rabbit class dressed as sheep for the nativity, which went very well and they all looked very cute.

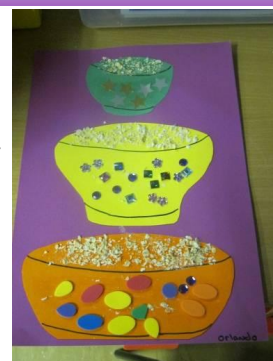
We had a lovely visit from that "jolly fellow dressed in red" and he gave us some lovely presents.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Daisy, Poppy and Sunflowers

Firstly the Dairy team would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! We have all been very busy during the lead up to this festive time, and since September all three classes have jumped straight into the topic of Fairy Tales, Story books and Nursery rhymes! The Daisy class have been trying porridge for snacks, whilst the Poppy and Sunflower classes have made clay pots for 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. We have all had an enormous beanstalk running through all three classrooms, and the children have been offered lots of art and craft opportunities during 'Red Riding Hood', 'Cinderella', 'The three little pigs' and 'Snow white and the 7 dwarves'. All three classrooms have also had a new animal to look after, and have been out and about watching the seasons change and exploring the farm, woods and jumping in puddles on the track!



Getting ready for Christmas has been lots of fun!! We all did superbly in the Nativity, a big thank you for those who could make it to come and watch, and also those who contributed to our successful cake sale afterwards!

In addition the children have got stuck in to lots of Christmassy activities, including our very merry Christmas party with a special visit from Father Christmas, party games and lots of prizes! Also, we have been busy making festive craft and yummy cooking to take home, together with: Christmas pudding cakes, pizza stockings, reindeer food, snowflakes, Christmas cards and of course we loved getting very messy with paint, glue and glitter!!

We all hope you have a fun filled and relaxing time over the Christmas break, and we look forward to welcoming some new faces into the different classrooms and starting the new term in January 2012!!

Merry Christmas!



## The Barn Unit

What busy bees we have been in the barn classes! We have been learning about shapes, colours and numbers through stories, songs, craft and cooking. We've been on walks around the grounds searching for numbers and shapes and have explored colour by painting, printing and mixing.



We started French lessons and P.E. with Anthony as well as continuing with swimming lessons, rugby tots, fitness fun and music with Trisha.

We all turned out in our spots to raise money for children in need...



...and had a visit from a special man in a red suit, HO!HO!HO! It has been great fun learning Christmas songs for the nativity and what a show! Our teachers were all very proud as we put on the best performance ever with fantastic singing and super acting!

## After School Club

What a term we have had!!!!

We have welcomed new members to the club, decorated the room, and played lots of games. The time has flown by as we have fed the pigs and seen new piglets, had fun with Halloween, making houses for the bugs animals and insects, been super heroes, and tasting new foods.

We have been keeping fit by playing sports, and using the gym equipment in the barn, and we have also become very good at chess and draughts!!!!

We wish you all a merry Christmas and  
look forward to seeing you all in the new year



## Hindon

We have been so busy this term settling in to our new room, it has been so exciting, fighting our way through the diggers and trucks, watching the builders and exploring our new surroundings.

We have enjoyed our topic and have been very busy getting creative, and even had a visit to Porton Aquatic Centre where we saw lots of different animals and fish.

Before we broke up for Christmas holidays we had a party and a visit from a jolly Father Christmas who gave us some lovely presents.

Merry Christmas!

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A big Thank you from the H.S.A for the success of the Christmas bazaar, other events and continued support. We are moving forwards in our goal, saving up for a new minibus.

Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

