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Christmas Wishes from Chichester Forest Schools,

What an amazing year we have had! Thanks to all your support we have worked with over 1000 children and young people delivering Forest Schools and outdoor adventurous activities across West Sussex and Hampshire.

Most excitingly for us we were able to raise £20,000 in Grants from a variety of funders including the Big Lottery Awards for All, West Sussex County Council, Chichester City Council, The NINEVEH Trust, to enable us to begin working with vulnerable children and young people through our early intervention nurture programmes; Space to Breathe, Mighty Oaks and Little Acorns. Although we are only one term into the programmes, we are delighted to already be seeing improvements in the children and young peoples' social and emotional wellbeing.

We have expanded our enthusiastic team to include Ed Johnson who has just completed his Forest School Leader Training, Emma Wiles who joins us as an experienced Forest School leader and Kim Davy a qualified counsellor. Our lovely volunteers include Nicky Clark, Jackie McPherson, Emma Farquar and Amelia Champion. They are out in all weathers and indispensable. Dr Gavin Walker has been a fantastic motivator and supporter for us all. A big thank you to all our wonderful team.

We continue to operate from a variety of sites. Thank you to Steve Walker the Reserve Manager at the glorious Kingley Vale Nature Reserve and Sarah Stewart the Education Officer at Seeley Copse Goodwood. Our Fishbourne Site has been pivotal in allowing us to provide for local children, 80% of them are able to walk to the site. Thank you to our supportive neighbours and The Woolpack pub.

Our plans for next year include securing funding to continue our work with the nurture groups and develop supportive programmes for vulnerable children moving from primary into secondary education, holiday programmes for young carers and young families in need.

Our first challenge for 2018 is to secure planning permission for the increased use of the Fishbourne Site. We will be asking for your support and will keep you informed as the process progresses.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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