

Dear Families,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2017. The year has gone by so quickly, it seems impossible that Christmas has come around again!

Christmas preparations are in full swing in all the rooms. Throughout December the rooms will be setting out provocations which reflect this exciting time, wrapping paper, cards, boxes, Nativity stories, scenes and dressing up. There will also be craft, cards and parties to fit in as well as the Kindergarten Nativity Play which will take place on Friday 15th December.

We welcome Amanda Shand as Deputy Manager now that Carolyn has left. We also welcome Lori Hansen to our Cover Team and hope she enjoys her time here with us. Sadly we say farewell to Nicole Beale who comes in everyday as Lunch Cover and who knows each and every child.

As usual at this time of year the weather can be either very cold or very mild. Please could I ask that all children have named gloves, hats and warm clothing. It is better to remove layers when it is mild rather than be too cold!

Please remember to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk if you wish to continue to claim the 30 hours grant funding for 3 and 4 year olds or if you are using Tax Free Childcare to pay your Nursery fees. If you have any questions about this, please contact Sarah our Finance Manager.

Finally may I wish all our children, parents, families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Best wishes

Catherine Clifton
Nursery Manager



Christmas Jumpers

We will be wearing Christmas jumpers on each day when we have a Christmas dinner with the children and also on Friday 15th December. All for Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children.

Dates for your diary

Kindergarten Nativity:
15th December 3pm

Dress Rehearsal:
14th December 2.30pm

Christmas Parties:
Kindergarten- 12th December 3pm
Transitions- 14th December 3pm
Toddlers- 1st December 3pm
Toddler Blue- 8th December 3pm
Babies- 18th December 3pm

Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long
Friday 22nd December 4.30pm

Nursery Closure:
Friday 22nd December 6pm

Reopens:
Tuesday 2nd January



Babies

During November our Babies explored lots of messy activities from scooping and digging in the mud to spreading paint onto paper and themselves! They have loved spending time outside, exploring the garden, the park and finding lots of interesting leaves and sticks in the Church yard. The Babies have also delighted in sounds and music making which we look forward to continuing into the festive season. We also look forward to lots of Christmas sensory experiences as we explore wrapping paper, boxes, baubles, scents and colours.



Toddler Blue and Toddlers

Toddler Blue children have been showing great interest in posting and transporting objects from one container to another. We have been exploring different materials such as paint and glue and collage materials. Throughout this month we look forward to our Christmas provocations, going for walks to see the lights and getting messy with lots of glitter and sequins! Toddlers spent time during November exploring colours and technology, combining torches with coloured cellophane. The lock and mechanism puzzles are also a big hit along with the recording pegs; the children have listened to songs recorded by Team and made their own messages to play back to each other. We too have started to look at Christmas celebrations, planning experiences using a variety of media. Jess plans to include lots of festive music and extend this to all the rooms in her role as Music Ambassador.



Transition

Transitions children have spent several weeks exploring magnets. They have been learning how some things attract but others repel. The magnetic wands have proved very popular and they have gone on magnetic hunts looking for objects hidden around the room and in sand. The children have also had lots of fun playing games, taking turns and matching with colours and shapes



Kindergarten

Over the last month our exploration of lights prompted Diwali and Bonfire Night fun. We toasted marshmallows on the fire and lit sparklers so we could make patterns in the dark. The children have been doing lots of artwork that relates to fireworks and different forms of light and have also been practising their use of scissors. We are also preparing for our Nativity performance in St Mary's Church (re-telling the story, singing the songs, learning the actions and visiting the church for rehearsals) and are busy making decorations and doing lots of yummy Christmas baking!

