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December Newsletter 2018



Dear Parents

We are all looking forward to our Nativity performance '*It's All About a Baby*', which is taking place on Wednesday 12th December at 3.30pm in the main school hall. The children have been having lots of fun practising their songs and are very excited to show you what they have done.



Tickets are available to purchase via ParentMail and have been priced at £2 each. All proceeds from the event will go back into the nursery towards provision for your children. We will send the tickets home beforehand and hope to see you showing your support on Wednesday 12th!

A polite reminder of our session times, we open at **7.30am** for our long full day/short full day 1 sessions and our short full day 2 session starts at **9.00am**, our main session finishes at **3.00pm** and we close at **5.45pm**. Our staff are employed around these hours, and we don't have enough staff for the correct staff/child ratio if children arrive early, or stay later than their session time, so please adhere to your child's correct session times. If you need to pre-arrange anything different, please come and see me and if we can help you out we will.



Please be aware that we will be emptying the lost property at the end of term so remember to check our lost property box next time you come in to nursery, it is currently overflowing. It is situated by the main entrance door. Named items may also be in this box, as we do not have an alternative place to keep belongings that have been left behind. So it is always worth double checking!



Thank you to those of you who have already brought in donations of old pots, pans and tins for the musical wall we are building in our garden area. We still need a few more if possible so if anyone else has some to bring in we would be grateful. Also if any of you have any fence paint that you no longer need we could use this to make the wall more colourful. We don't mind the colour!

Incidentally some of our KS2 teachers next door at school are asking parents for help collecting as many 4-pint plastic milk cartons as they can for a project they are working on with pupils after Christmas. As a result, if you are able to bring any in, I'm sure they would be most grateful. Please ensure the milk cartons are cleaned and given with lids.





Children’s clothing plays an important part in their wellbeing and the quality of their experiences while in nursery. It can affect their health, safety, comfort, play and learning.

As a result, during the winter months’ children we would like to ask that you ensure they bring in enough warm clothing i.e. a coat, hat, and a pair of wellies. Please can these all be named.

Staff must ensure that children are dressed in warm and appropriate wet weather clothing before going outside. There should be a few spare items on site if necessary in order to ensure all children can play outside whatever the weather. However, these items are limited and children would prefer their own!

The weather forecast leading up to Christmas suggests it unlikely to snow however, in the event of snow we will follow our policy which you can view on the website.

Finally, we would like to introduce Helen Jessep who has recently joined the nursery staff admin team. Helen will be working in our office on a Friday morning. Caroline will continue to work in the nursery office on a Monday and Wednesday.

A reminder that if you receive the 30 Hours Extended Entitlement, it is your responsibility to re-confirm your eligibility every 3 months, before the end date of your funding. Failure to do so may mean you have to pay for any hours over the Universal amount of 15 hours per week.



Log in to your childcare account every **3** months to check your details are up to date. Go to gov.uk/childcareaccount



Dates for your Diary:

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| 12 December 2018 | Nativity (For school leavers only) |
| 17 December 2018 | Reports to go out |
| 21 December 2018 | Last day of term for ALL children |
| 24 December-4 January 2019 | NURSERY CLOSED for ALL children |
| 7 January 2019 | Spring term starts |
| 18 February – 22 February 2019 | Half term for term time children |
| 25 February 2019 | 2 nd half of the Spring term starts |

If you have any queries, questions, or anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and see me or a member of my team.

Kind regards

Gemma Maxwell
Nursery Manager

