



Newsletter - November 2018

Dear Parents

We hope you have enjoyed the half term holiday and we would love to hear what the children have been up to.

Attached to this letter is a "Story from home" sheet for you to complete and return to your child's keyworker so it can be added to your child's special file.



Our topic theme this half term is "Celebrations", covering a range of learning opportunities.

Sponsor Money- Thank you all who have handed in their sponsor money, if you have not done so yet please can you bring it in a.s.a.p (So we can send it off to Santa!!!)



Keyworker Groups- Please can we remind you that children need to be in nursery at 8:45 and 12:30 for their Key worker groups. These groups are valuable learning times for your children & activities cannot be repeated if they are missed.

30 hour checker confirmation- Please can we remind parents who have not reconfirmed their codes to do so & let Mrs Marshall know. If we do not receive confirmation before 31st December then children will not be able to attend for 30 hours in January.



Car Park/Entrance to School- Please can we remind parents/carers that the car park & front entrance to the school is NOT a play area for children to use. We kindly request older children either wait outside the side entrance gates or stand sensibly with parents/carers in the entrance porch. We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter.

Car Park- Please can we remind parents/ carers NOT to cut across the school car park when bringing & collecting children from school. Please use the side path & gate at all times.



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Over the next half term we have a lot of events planned.

Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th November Parent Reviews Please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Wilson & your child's keyworker. Appointments to be made by Friday 9th Nov.



Friday November 16th Spotty Day for Pudsey/Teddy Bears Picnic- We will be celebrating Children in Need and ask all children to come to nursery in their Spotty clothes (Please no onesies), bring a teddy & a £1 donation for the charity. We will be having lots of Pudsey activities and a teddy bears picnic & hopefully a special visitor.

Thursday 22nd November Fruit Tasting- Asda's Community Champion (Terry) will be working with the children today tasting & trying fruits.



Friday 30th November- Pantomime- Durham Gala Theatre 'Snow White' for All children. £10 per child, payable by 23rd November. All children need to be at nursery by 8:30. The Red, Yellow & White groups need to be collected at 12:45. The Blue and Green groups will remain at nursery & will need to be collected at 3:30. Uniforms must be worn for this visit. Further details to follow.

Tuesday 4th December- Jim Prior Videoing

Jim will be in nursery both morning and afternoon videoing the children for the Christmas DVD. DVDs can be ordered from this day £10 each. Orders can only be placed when paid for. Orders must be placed by 14th December.



Tuesday 11th December- Dress Rehearsals

Children will perform their concerts for pupils from Ropery Walk Primary School. Jim Prior will also video the concerts for the Christmas DVD.

Wednesday 12th December- Concerts

Children will perform their concerts on Wednesday 12th December. Unfortunately due to limited space & high numbers of children we will have to restrict adult numbers viewing the concert to max 2 per child. Morning audience of children (Yellow, White & Blue groups) need to come for 10:00 performance. Afternoon audience of (Red & Green groups) need to come for 1:45 performance. (Further details later.)



Friday 14th December Jumper Day- We will be supporting the NSPCC appeal. Children can come to nursery in a Christmas Jumper and bring a £1 donation for the charity.



Tuesday 18th December Christmas Craft- Please come along & join the children with Christmas activities, have a Christmas snack & story. Further details later.

Wednesday 19th December Polar Express Day

Children will need to come to nursery in their Pyjamas/dressing gowns (please no onesies or slippers) to go on a Polar Express adventure in nursery!

THE POLAR EXPRESS



Thursday 20th December- Christmas parties.

There will be 2 parties, the 30 hour children (Blue & Green groups) will come on a morning 8:45-12:30 and go home after their lunch. The 15 hour children (Red, Yellow & White groups) will come in on the afternoon at 12:30 for their party. Further details to follow.

Friday 21st December- "Magic John" Entertains. All children need to come to nursery at 8:45 for Magic John to entertain them. This will be followed by a giant picnic. The 15 hour children (Red, Yellow & White groups) need to be collected at 11:15 & the 30 hour children (Blue & Green groups) at 3:00.



Wanted-Baubles, beads, tinsel, poinsettia flowers etc- If you have any spare please send them in for children to use in their creative activities.



Christmas Cards- To make it easier for yourselves and staff and more meaningful to the children, please send only 1 Christmas card (after 1st December and this will be displayed for children to see). Please do not send in cards for all children.

Coats, Jumpers, Hats, Scarves, Gloves & Shoes - Please make sure your child's name is on all these things so it is easier for staff to match the items to your child, when they take them off.



Dress for weather -As the weather is changing can we please ask children are dressed appropriately (i.e. coats and hats) as the children access outside in all weathers.

Christmas Holidays- Nursery will finish on Friday 21st December and will re-open on Monday 7th January.

Thank you

The Nursery Staff