

December 2015 Newsletter

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The Nativity rehearsals and song practise are well under way. If your child has words to say, please can you help them learn them at home? Hopefully you have heard your child sing the songs we have been learning.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our 'Stay and Play' session, hopefully you enjoyed it as well as having a clearer understanding on how Pre-school supports the children to learn 'Early Phonics'.

Allergies

Thank you to the parents who have refrained from adding egg and peanut food in their child's lunch box. Please can I ask all parents to check the packaging as some food may also have these ingredients in? On Tuesday we are baking a cake and we are substituting the eggs with a small mashed banana and teaspoon of baking powder. We found this recipe on the internet, there are lots more that you can use.

Activities

The children have been very busy in making some wonderful Christmas decorations to go in their special envelope to take home with them on the last day of the term. They have also enjoyed our role-play Post Office writing their letters for the Postman to collect from our post box on Tuesday 15th December at 12.15pm.

This week the children have been very busy in Santa's Workshop making many new creations.

Next week we will be baking Christmas Chocolate Cake, finishing our Christmas decorations and practising our words and songs for the Nativity on Friday.

Visit from Father Christmas – Friday 18th December

Father Christmas will be visiting after our party food lunch (**Pre-school will provide the party food**) and he will be bringing a present for all the children who attend Pre-school. If you would like your child's younger sibling to receive a present from Father Christmas please can I ask that you provide a named present and I will ensure it goes in Father Christmas' sack?

No Lunch Club – Thursday 14th January 2016

Due to a staff meeting there will be no lunch club on Thursday 14th January 2016.



Policies and procedures

Attached is our safeguarding policy, this was updated in November 2015. A paragraph about British Values and the Prevent Duty was added. We teach the children about British Values which are defined as:

- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

These values are taught explicitly through Personal, Social and Emotional Development. Activity promoting British values means challenging the children, staff and parents expressing opinions to fundamental British values including extremist views.

British Values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways: At the end of the session the children vote from two activities that are available which one shall we put out. During small circle activities we listen to the children's opinions and ideas, encouraging all the children to listen to each other whilst they wait for their turn to talk. We support the children in making good choices and reminding them of the promises they made, this helps the children learn that their behaviours can have an effect on their own rights and those of others. We celebrate the children's successes through giving stickers, praising the positive behaviour we see and putting a leaf on our celebration tree. Throughout the year we celebrate our own traditions and others from around the world.

If you wish to know more about British Values and the Prevent Duty please speak to your child's key-person.

Lastly, the staff and I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We return on Monday 4th January 2016.

Kind Regards
Karen

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th December – 11.30 am Nativity Performance, Party Lunch and visit from Father Christmas

Monday 4th January – We return for the start of the spring term.

Thursday 14th January – No lunch club



