



## Newsletter - December 2017

Dear Parents



As Christmas rapidly approaches here are the arrangements for the next few weeks at nursery.

Throughout the coming weeks, the children will be making things for Christmas & will bring them home the last week of term. Here are some dates for your diaries.



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December- Jim Prior will be in nursery, videoing the children for the first part of the Christmas DVD. Orders for the DVD can be placed from this day (£10 each). Orders and payment must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December- Durham Gala Theatre Pantomime "Robinson Crusoe" for all children. Children do not need money, sweets or pop etc, we will provide a snack for the children. Uniforms MUST be worn. All children need to arrive at 8:30. The Red & White groups need to be collected from nursery at 12:45. The Blue, Yellow & Green groups need to be collected from nursery at 3:30.



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December-Dress Rehearsals-The children will perform their concerts during nursery sessions for pupils from Ropery Walk Primary School. Jim will video this for the Christmas DVD.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December-Concerts-The children will perform their concerts for parents. Unfortunately due to limited space & high numbers of children adults coming to new are limited to 2 per child. The adults for the morning Red and White groups & Blue and Yellow groups need to come to nursery for the 10.00 performance. The adults for the afternoon Red & White groups & the Green group need to come to nursery for the 1:45 performance.

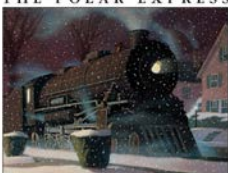
Please can children wear easy clothes & easy shoes on Thursday & Friday (14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December) to make it easier to undress & dress the children for the performances.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Craft Day 8:45-10:45 & 12:30-2:30  
Please come along & join the children with their Christmas activities, story & snack time. Please can you complete the attached slip & return it to nursery a.s.a.p.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Polar Express Day- We are having a special 'Polar Express Day' in nursery where lots of special treats are planned (including hot chocolate, cookies and watching some of the film). We would like children to come to nursery in their pyjamas & dressing gowns (no onesies) to make the day extra special. Please note the children still need



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to wear their outdoor shoes and coats. Session times will be normal with no early pick up required.



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December- Christmas Parties- We will be having two parties. The Blue, Yellow & Green groups will come on a morning 8:45-12:30 & go home at 12:30 after lunch. Please collect from Early Learners building. The Red & White groups (both morning and afternoon) will come on an afternoon 12:30-3:15. The children can be collected between 3-3:15.

Children can wear party clothes for the party, we will provide the food & fun. All children will receive a Christmas present (hopefully from a special visitor!)



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December "Magic John" - All children need to come to nursery at 8:45 for Magic John to entertain them. The Red & White groups (both morning and afternoon) need to be collected at 11:15. The Blue, Yellow & Green groups need to be collected at 3:00

Nursery Closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December & reopens for the children on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.



School Applications-A final reminder to say applications for school places must be made to Local Authority by 15<sup>th</sup> January. If you do not complete an application by this date your child may not have a school place in September.

Wanted-Baubles, beads, tinsel, poinsettia flowers etc- If you have any spare please can you send them into Early Learners for the 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 for a display. Please do not send in cards for all children.

Sponsor Money- Thank you to all who generously gave to our Sponsored Obstacle Course. A magnificent £785 was raised. This money will be used towards the children's Christmas activities, parties, pantomime visits & presents. Thank you.



Children in Need- Together with Early Learners we raised £85 for Children in Need. Thank you again.

On behalf of the staff & governors of the school may I wish you all a very happy Christmas & a peaceful New Year.

Best Wishes

Carole Scott

Nursery Christmas Craft Day -19<sup>th</sup> December



Name of child:.....

I will/will not be attending the morning/afternoon craft day (Please indicate)

Parents Name:.....

