



# Nursery News

## Christmas Holidays



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents,

WOW!!! What an amazing first term the children have had in Nursery and we are delighted with how much the children have achieved since they started in September. The last few weeks have been very busy. The children have been amazing during their Christmas Nativity rehearsals and the performances we have carried out, we are so proud of how they have behaved and sung. A few tears were encountered but we do expect this in Nursery as it can be daunting for the children to sit on the stage. We would like to say a huge thank you for the amazing costumes everyone has provided! The children looked fantastic and were a credit to their families.

**We would like to inform families of upcoming events in Nursery for the Spring term.**

- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January; Chinese New Year celebrations.** We will be carrying out a range of crafts, making and tasting Chinese food in the run up to the festival which is Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February; Pancake Week celebrations.** We will be carrying out a range of activities based on the story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' to link to the festival on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.
- **March; Parental Consultations.** This is an opportunity for you to come into Nursery and discuss your child's progress and development with your child's key worker. Learning journeys will be available for you to look through. Letters to arrange appointments will be sent home in the new year.

### Book Diaries



**We will begin sending reading books and diaries out in the second week of the Spring term.**

Children in the **Early Red** and **Morning Blue** groups will bring their first books home on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**. These diaries and books should be **returned each Monday** so that new books can be chosen and staff have the opportunity to respond to entries made allowing these to be redistributed each Wednesday. Please note if your child hands their book in on a Wednesday staff will not respond to entries as there is no time during the Nursery session.

Children in the **Full Time Purples**, **Afternoon Yellow** and **Late Green** groups will bring their first books home on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. These diaries and books should be **returned each Wednesday** so that new books can be chosen and staff have the opportunity to respond to entries made allowing these to be redistributed each Friday. Please note if your child hands their book in on a Friday staff will not respond to entries as there is no time during the Nursery session.

### Early Reading and Writing Information

#### Letters and Sounds

Children have recently completed their Autumn term phonics activities and we are delighted with the progress they have made. In the first week back children will recap on work with the letter sounds...

m a s d t

Children will then receive a letter about upcoming activities that they will be carrying out with specific sounds.

#### I can write my name

Children will be focusing on writing their names, if your child can already do this we will be looking at correct letter formation and writing surnames.



### Maths Information



We will be having a focus on maths skills in the first half of the new term, children will have two key worker sessions looking at a range of skills such as number recognition, writing numbers, counting out objects from a larger group, placing objects in a line to count them as well as problem solving activities with a focus on mathematical language.

### Self-Care

As we move into the Spring term we encourage that children start to become more independent in managing their self-care. This includes putting on their own coat, hat, scarf and wellingtons. As well as using the toilet independently. We would ask parents to encourage children with this at home, including undressing and dressing before and after so that children can manage this at Nursery.

We thank you in advance.



#### Bags

We would also ask that children refrain from bringing large bags to Nursery. This is to allow children to place their coats up independently. If children have scarfs, gloves and hats these can be placed in their trays.

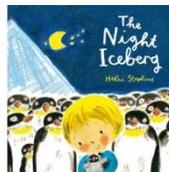
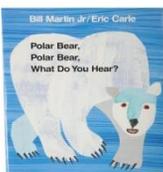
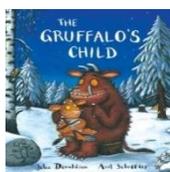
## Festive Fun!

We would like to share some of the festive fun we have had in Nursery over recent weeks... the smiles say it all!



## New Learning Winter

Children have enjoyed our Winter themed space with icy water and a range of Polar animals and we are extending this as they return to Nursery in January. Children will be completing activities based around books linked to this including...



We will also have our Chinese New Year themed week with noodles, prawn crackers, dancing and a range of crafts during independent play. Valentines will also be celebrated on the last day of the half term and we will be discussing people we love and feelings. We will continue to offer winter warming snacks for children and we would appreciate your 50p donations to support this.

**We would like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our families. Staff would like to thank you for the beautiful cards and gifts they have received. We will see you all in the new year when the children return to Nursery on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

Thank you

Mrs Bell, Miss Judges, Mrs. J. Hill, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Hewson, Mrs Brewerton, Miss Cook,  
Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Hill

