



Newsletter December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that our **reception** has now been **re decorated** and finishes our nursery refurbishment. The nursery now looks lovely, fresh and bright and we hope that you like it as much as we do!

Our **large climbing frame for the pre school** garden equipped with a slide, rock climbing wall, rope wall and den has now been assembled and the children thoroughly enjoy playing on it! If you haven't seen it yet, please be sure to pop your head out into the garden and take a look!!

We are sad to announce that **Maxine wilkinson** leader of the Meadow room and Third in Charge will be **leaving** Bright Comets on Friday **23rd December**. Maxine has recently had a health scare and has decided to work at a nursery closer to home to ensure a better work and life balance. Please join me in thanking Maxine for her hard work and wishing her the best of luck with her career.

Kirsty Pratchett has been promoted to **Senior Practitioner** and will take over from Maxine as Leader of Meadow as of **Tuesday 3rd January**. **Kelsey Goodey and Lashi Jayawardena** will also join our team on a permanent basis and work in Meadow full time from Wednesday 3rd January.

Our **Children in Need** cake sale was a success! The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed making the cakes and we hope you and your families enjoyed eating them as much as we did! We raised a total of **£57.52** so thank you very much for your generous donations.

It is with huge regret that we inform you that **Leonie Aldridge**, leader of Pre School and Third in charge will be **leaving** Bright Comets on **Friday 23rd December**. Leonie has worked at Bright Comets for the last eight years and now wishes to reduce her hours and work closer to home enabling her to spend more time at home with her child. Please join me in thanking Leonie for her long service, hard work and dedication and wish her the best of luck for the future.

Rosie Gardner, Senior Practitioner and Leader of Farmyard has been promoted to **Third in Charge** and will be stepping up to support myself and Janine as of Tuesday **3rd January**. Rosie will also be moving into **Pre School** and will take over from Leonie as the leader of Preschool from this date.

Carmel McGuane will be stepping up as **Senior Practitioner** to take over Gemma Hickling as the Leader of Seaside from **Monday 5th December**. **Isobella Rivas** who left Bright Comets in 2014 will also be returning to nursery to take on a full time position working alongside Carmel, Maria and Faye in Seaside as of **Wednesday 3rd January**.

If you placed a **“Christmas Gift”** order, these are currently in progress and should be with you shortly. Sadly, no further orders can now be placed so if you missed out this year please be sure to order next year!

We would like to thank all of you who have helped build the nursery and our reputation through recommending a friend! We are becoming extremely busy and now have a waiting list in our Seaside Room and have limited positions in Meadow and Preschool. Please continue to spread our name and you may be entitled to our **“Recommend a Friend” discount and receive a huge saving of 25% off one month's fees!**



Did you know?

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on coughs, colds and ear infections

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/coughs-colds-ear-infections.aspx>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on helping your child's speech

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/helping-your-childs-speech.asp>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on diarrhoea and vomiting

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/diarrhoea-vomiting-children.aspx>

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

Its nearly Christmas!! This month we will be doing a lot of Christmas activities to display around our room and on our boards. We will also be exploring with biscuit mixture and cutters to make cookies for Santa. As well as exploring fake snow in different forms using flour, glitter, shaving foam, pva glue and soap bubbles etc.

Please provide us with some family photos as our family tree is looking very bare!!

Parent Link – Can you explore different textures at home with your child to make a Christmas picture for us to display at nursery.

Seaside:

This month we will be having lots of Christmas fun!! We plan to go on some winter walks and collect different objects to explore in our tough spot. We will also be making different forms of fake snow and making ice to touch and feel. We will be reading short Christmas stories to the children and will be getting our room ready for Santa to visit by carrying out lots of art and craft activities.

Parent link – Where possible take your child to Willows Farm to visit Santa's Reindeer

Meadow:

This month we will be exploring our new book "The Snowman" and have lots of interesting activities planned such as; exploring snow and looking at the weather to see what makes it snow, we will be making snowmen and looking at what they wear compared to us when it is cold. We will also be making snow balls with fake snow and the children will be able to see how cold it is. Lastly we will be listening to the snowman story and music CD and will introduce the elf on the shelf to the children and see where he is and what he has been up to when we are not at nursery.

Can we please ask for your child to bring a coat and warm winter clothes as we still use the garden as much as possible, Thank you.

Parent link – Where possible purchase our book of the month and read it nightly with your child to encourage their recall skills. Should the weather permit, build a snowman with your child or make one using a fake snow recipe.

Pre School:

This month we will be looking at the book "The Jolly Christmas Postman" and will be talking about Christmas, why we celebrate it and what happens. We will be writing letters to Father Christmas and posting them in our magic post box. We will be making lots of Christmas decorations to decorate the nursery and to take home to be put on the tree such as reindeer, Christmas trees and bird feeders. We will also be making cookies and mince pies to leave out for

Father Christmas on Christmas Eve. Alongside this, we will also be practicing our Christmas Nativity Play and are working really hard to get it right for when you come and watch us so please help us to learn our lines and the words to the songs.

Parent link – Where possible purchase “The Jolly Christmas Postmen” and encourage your child to write letters to Father Christmas. Help your child to learn their Nativity lines and the words to the songs we will sing.

Gentle Reminders

Please ensure when **parking in the loading bays** that you display your parking permits and park appropriately ensuring other parents can also share the loading bays with you. Drop off and collection times are becoming very busy, particularly of a morning so mindful parking would be greatly appreciated.

We would be grateful if you could inform us of any **planned absences** during the **period of 19th December-23rd December** so that we can authorise staff annual leave before the Christmas Holidays.

As the **weather is now changing** can we please ask that you include **a coat, hat and wellington boots** in your child’s bag for nursery so that they are able to play in our garden whatever the weather.

I would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and that all children, parents, carers and visitors should have vacated the premises by this time. Should you require verbal feedback on your child’s day, please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time to allow you to leave before 6.00pm. **As you are aware, charges may be levied for delays after 6.00pm and we really do not want to be in a position to charge this.**

Please don’t forget to check your parents’ information boards, facebook and our website for further information and reminders.

Dates for your Diaries

Christmas Fete - Saturday 3rd December 10:00am-1:00pm. ... Come and join us for a mince pie and mulled wine.

All parents, children, family and friends are welcome to come along to this fun, exciting event. There will be many exciting stalls and activities available for both adults and children including; the chance to meet Santa in his grotto, a lucky dip, arts and crafts, a cake stall, chocolate hampers, Christmas gift stall and refreshments.

Tickets can now be purchased from the Rooms!

£2 entry per adult (over 16s) , including unlimited refreshments, children can come for free.

£2 per child, for the Santa's Grotto.

All donations and money raised will be put towards buying new resources for the children.

Pre School Christmas Nativity Play – 13th, 14th and 15th December, 2:30-3:30pm

All children in Preschool will be taking part in this years Christmas Nativity play and will be performing it to parents/family on the above dates.

Seats MUST be booked in advance to ensure adequate space for all visitors therefore, a MAXIMUM of TWO places can be reserved at one time, and additional places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis a week before the above dates.

Please speak to Leonie, Chelsea or Shirley to reserve a place.

Nursery Christmas Dinner & Party! - Tuesday 20th December

All children will be participating in Christmas activities and party games for the duration of the day.

A Christmas lunch will be served at 11:30pm whereby all children and staff will enjoy the festive feast together. The menu for this will be displayed on each parent information board shortly.

A Christmas Party tea will be served at 3.30pm and all children will have a special visit from Father Christmas and receive a present each to take home.

If your child does not usually attend on this day and you would like to book an extra session or join your child for the day please speak to Kirsty or Janine as soon as possible.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Kirsty, Janine and Team.