



## Newsletter December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for your support with donating for **Children in Need**. We are pleased to announce we made **£49.20** which has now been sent to the charity.

This year, **the nursery will be closing at 2pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Eve. The morning will be spent doing various fun activities such as, musical games, arts and crafts and **all rooms will have lunch** together in the corridor at **11:30am** (Please see the board for the menu). We would be grateful if you **could let us know in advance if you plan on not bringing your child in** for Christmas Eve. The Nursery will reopen again on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** at 7:45am.

The **Christmas Gifts** are now underway and we aim to have all of these sent out by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at the latest. If you require the gifts you ordered before this date please let us know so we can try our best to arrange this.

We are now also fully prepared for our annual **Christmas Fete this Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10.00am-1.00pm**, please show us your support and join us for the morning. There will be lots of fun activities and arts and crafts for the children to do, as well as a few stalls for parents such as a raffle and a bottle tombola. **The tickets are now on sale** and can be brought from myself, Helen or Lorraine, **please do buy tickets beforehand** so we can ensure we have an adequate amount of refreshments and Santa's Grotto presents. The meet and greet with the Paw Patrol Characters is also now very busy so if you wish to do this please also let us know as soon as possible. Any money raised from this event will be put towards new resources for the children.

Our **2019 events** have now been planned and **uploaded to our website** along with being displayed on the parent's information boards – please be sure to take a look and make a note of important dates.

## Dates for your Diaries for the rest of 2018

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Pre-school Nativity

The children in Arctic and Safari will be putting on a Nativity performance “We are Going on a Star Hunt”. Parents can book 2 seats on a day of your choice, seats are allocated on a first come, first serve basis so please speak directly to Janine or Chelsea if you wish to reserve seats. The seats for Wednesday’s performance are now ALL FULLY BOOKED.

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas Dinner and Party

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 is now displayed on our Events board.

A Christmas Party tea will be served at 3.30pm and all children will have a special visit from Father Christmas and will each receive a present to take home. The afternoon will be packed with fun games, arts and crafts and will begin from 2:00 pm.

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 Janine or Lorraine as soon as possible.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR EVENTS BOARD FOR REMINDERS**



#### **Did you know?**

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on recognising and treating croup cough:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/croup/>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on recognising and treating slapped cheek syndrome:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on baby and toddler safety:

## **A Note from Each Room**

### **Farmyard:**

This month in Farmyard we are going to be engaging all our senses by exploring Christmas scents and flavours. We will be making scented playdough using Christmas spices and will also be exploring Christmas food such as Clementines and Brussel sprouts, this is a great opportunity for the children to look at the texture and taste something new. We shall be making Christmas cards during our messy sessions, using different colours and lots of shiny glitter.

Our song of the month will be: Jingle Bells and we will be encouraging the children to explore and shake the bells to the music.

### **Seaside:**

This month we will be doing lots of Christmas based activities including, making Christmas cards, making their own snow globes and exploring our senses through different Christmas tuff spots.

We will also be doing some simple baking with the children and encouraging them to explore the textures of the ingredients.

Our song of the month will be: Jingle Bells and we will be encouraging the children to explore and shake the bells and move to the music.

### **Meadow:**

This month in Meadow we have decided to do “Kevin the Carrot” as our book of the month and have all of the characters for the children to use in their role play.

Our song of the month will be “Father Christmas”.

We will be doing lots of festive activities such as, decorating and baking reindeer biscuits, exploring fake snow and looking for different objects in the snow and wrapping different size presents to place under our Christmas tree.

### **Arctic:**

This month in Arctic “We are Going on an Elf Hunt” is our book of the month.

Throughout the month we will be preparing for Christmas, we will be writing letters to Santa and posting them at our local post box and hope to receive a letter back.

At circle time we are going to discuss how we can get on to Santa’s good list, making sure to have kind hands and help one other ensuring we reinforce our Golden Rules. We are also focusing on developing the children’s Makaton skills encouraging them to sign the initial of their name.

We will not be having a song of the month as at the moment we are practicing our Nativity songs and cannot wait for our parents to come and watch our Nativity performance.

### **Safari:**

This month we are all very excited as we have a special present coming all the way from the North-Pole. Santa has sent Safari their very own Elf on the Shelf. We will be seeing what our Elf gets up to and he will be joining in with our fun Christmas Activities.

Following our Elf, we will upload what he has been up to onto our Facebook page so you can view this from home. We will be making lots of messy Christmas arts and crafts, including; snowmen, angels and Christmas trees as well as exploring ice, playdough with different scents and fake snow.

Our book of the month will be “Elf on the Shelf” and we will not be having a song of the month as at the moment we are practicing our Nativity songs and cannot wait for our parents to come and watch our Nativity performance.

*Parent Link:* As we are sharing our Christmas Elf on the shelf via Facebook, please can you look at this with your child at home and discuss what he is up to in the photographs (if you have access to Facebook)

### **Gentle Reminders**

Please don't forget to follow our **Facebook** page for regular updates and news. We would also be very grateful to parents if you could leave us a review.

Unfortunately the **cold weather** is here! Therefore, we would like to ask ALL parents to ensure that you provide a warm coat/waterproof jacket, hat, scarves and gloves for your child to use whilst at nursery along with some wellington boots to ensure that they can get the benefits of being outdoors in all weathers. We also kindly ask that they have **appropriate clothing** to change into (long sleeved tops, vests and jumpers).

We would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and all children, parents, careers 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 will 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.**

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

Kind Regards

Janine, Lorraine and Team.