



Nursery News

Nursery Update

Wednesday 17th November 2015

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your child have enjoyed the new half term so far, it has been a very busy and exciting few weeks so far, with many more exciting upcoming events. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks for a wonderful week in Nursery during 'Parents as Partners' last week. The children were delighted to have family members playing alongside them as well as making their special luminaire. We would just like to remind families of upcoming dates in Nursery. As we mentioned during last weeks sessions if any parents who were unable to attend would like to see children's learning journeys please see staff.

* **Monday 16th November;** Diwali Week celebrations. We will be painting our own mehndi patterns, looking at rangoli patterns, dancing and tasting Indian food for snacks.

* **Monday 30th November;** all Nativity costumes to be in for this date so we can film our nativity

* **Wednesday 9th December;** Nursery party during your child's usual session.

* **Monday 14th December;** Early Reds and Afternoon children Nursery concert (pm)

* **Thursday 17th December;** Late Greens and Morning children Nursery concert (am)

Christmas Party



We will be making party food with children in Nursery this year so that we can ensure all dietary needs are catered for. **We would appreciate if you could send 50p in to cover costs.** This is additional to the donation of 50p for Nursery fund which we use for everyday snack, play dough and saving for resources to cover new equipment to extend children's interests.

Name Labels

We would ask that children have all coats, hats, cardigans and jumpers labelled. As children are managing their self-care more independently we would ask that you ensure labels are clearly visible in all of your child's uniform to help your child, as many of the children have the same sized clothing. Please could you also write names into shoes as children are changing these when using wellingtons.

Letters and Sounds

Children will be starting to learn their letter sounds with the help of the cbeebies Alphablocks. Over the next two weeks we will be focusing on letter sounds...

m a s d t

Children have been looking at hearing initial sounds in words with these letters, e.g. s for sock. They will also look at forming these using a range of different media as discussed during Parents as Partners. Why not see what you can find out and about using our new letter sounds?



Wellingtons



As the weather is changing children are using the outdoor clothing to stay dry. We have a selection of wellingtons in Nursery however they may not fit your child. If you have a spare pair of wellingtons then you can leave these in your child's tray in the cloakroom or under their peg for the session.

Maths



We have been focusing on counting in sequence from 0-10. Activities have also centred around counting out amounts of objects and we have enjoyed singing lots of rhymes such as 'Five Little Speckled Frogs', and 'Ten in the Bed.' You can access many of these on BBC Number Rhymes website which the children enjoy. We will be using Christmas advent calendar and our upcoming Santa's workshop and Grotto to help us with number recognition.

Christmas Nativity Songs

We are practising for our Christmas Nativity and would appreciate if you could take time to help children learn the songs at home. They have loved learning these as they are to the tune of some of our favourite nursery rhymes.

Jingle Bells Fun

Traditional tune with modified words

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is today,
To clap and shout "hooray". Oh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is to say,
"Have a Happy Christmas Day!"

Old King Herod

Sung to the tune of Old King Cole

Old King Herod was a very nasty
King,
And a very nasty King was he!
He looked day and night,
Always wrong, never right,
For the baby he wanted to see.

Herod called the wise men,
He called the wise men three,
"Tell me where is this little baby?"
He looked day and night,
Always wrong, never right,
For the baby he wanted to see.



Away in a Manger

Words and tunes sung as usual

Away in a manger
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
The cattle are lowing,
The baby awakes.
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee Lord Jesus,
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
Be near me Lord Jesus,
I ask thee to stay,
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children,
In thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.



Three Wise Men

Sung to the tune of Hot Cross Buns

Three wise men,
Three wise men,
Watched the star and saw it stop
at Bethlehem.
We can see the bright star,
Just as well as them.
It is shining brightly over
Bethlehem.

Mary, Mary, Mother of Jesus

Sung to the tune of Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary

Mary, Mary, mother of Jesus,
Please can we see the babe?
The angel told us where to come –
"In a manger he is laid."

Nursery Fund

We would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who have been supporting our Nursery Fund this term. We are currently saving to buy the children an individual pot of play dough so that we can start a daily session of 'Dough Disco' in Nursery which supports children's muscle development aiding physical skills including pencil control. The children love these sessions and we will keep you posted on these. We are also saving to buy additional resources in Nursery which enhance new learning interests. All of the additional resources extend learning opportunities and support each child's development.

The Nursery Money Box is in the cloakroom and we really would appreciate your contributions as would the children!



We would like to thank all for your continued supported so far this term.

Thank you

Mrs Bell, Mrs Groser, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Lowes and Mrs Hill

