



Nursery News

Nursery Update



Wednesday 23rd November 2016

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 own play dough. Staff were delighted at the amazing feedback families gave about the session they spent in Nursery. 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.

- * **Wednesday 7th December;** Nursery party during your child's usual session.
- * **Tuesday 13th December;** Early Reds and Afternoon children Nursery concert (pm)
- * **Wednesday 14th December;** Polar Express Day – children to come to Nursery in their pyjamas
- * **Thursday 15th 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 addition to the donation of 50p for Nursery fund which we use for everyday snack, play dough and other baking resources.

Name Labels

We would like to remind parents that we ask for children to 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 medias 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. Using the money from your donations we were able to buy the ingredients for the play dough for parents as partners. We have also bought new tins for resources in Nursery. We will be buying new sand for the outdoor sand pit as well as a toaster for snack as the weather turns colder. We will then be able to offer warming winter snacks such as beans on toast, scrambled eggs on toast, a variety of toppings for toast e.g. banana and honey. Porridge will also be on offer over the coming weeks and again a selection of toppings will be offered. We will also be purchasing hot chocolate and special snacks for our Polar Express Day! The Nursery Money Box is in the cloakroom and we really appreciate your contributions as do the children!



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

Thank you

Mrs Bell, Mrs Lowes, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Cowley, Mrs Hewson and Mrs Hill

