

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our December newsletter.

The cold weather finally seems to be upon us and the changes in the season have given us plenty of opportunity to talk about colours, feelings, weather and animals. All the rooms have enjoyed the topic of autumn in their own way.

Christmas Parties and Christmas Play

It is that time of year again. Please keep Friday 18th December free in your diaries for our Christmas Play and the Christmas Party.

Baby, Older Baby and Toddlers Party
9.30- 11 In the Church Hall

Preschool Play
3.00 in the Church Hall

Outside Play

We do like to take the children outside every day and have noticed that some of our children do not have the appropriate clothing for the weather. The children enjoy the garden and the activities we do outside and run around so much, they do not feel the cold. If you have a hat and gloves for your child, we will encourage the children to wear them. We feel there is no such thing as inappropriate weather, only inappropriate clothing! However, please could we ensure that ALL clothing is labelled!

Security

It is extremely important that parents and carers do not let anybody into the Nursery. We ask that you ensure the door shuts behind you as you enter the Nursery

even if there is somebody following you in. All parents are given the code and can let themselves in and so please do not think of it as being rude. Likewise, please do not pass the number on to anyone else who is collecting your child. After informing the Nursery that somebody else will be collecting your child, we ask that they ring the door and a member of staff will answer it and ask the password

Christmas Opening times

We will be open on Christmas Eve until 5.00pm and will re-open after Christmas on 4th January 2010

Children in Need

We enjoyed coming to nursery in our pyjamas and lazing around all day!! We hope you enjoyed our yummy cakes we made too!! We managed to raise £80!!



Slippers

We encourage the children to wear slippers in Nursery as soon as they start walking. In the baby room it helps prevent children standing on toes with shoes on. Could you please provide your child with a pair of slippers, clearly marked with your child's name. It is also compulsory for staff to wear indoor shoes.

We also request that parents remove their shoes when entering the baby rooms in the morning and evening or to wear the overshoes provided

Spare Clothes

Please could we ask parents to provide their children with spare clothes to keep in their bags at nursery. The older children as well as the younger ones often need to change their clothes after doing a wet or messy activity and we are not always able to find spare clothes that fit.

Government Funding

Children are eligible for Government funding the term after they are 3 years old. The funding is termly and is deducted from your monthly fees. The remaining balance is taken by direct debit from your account.

As the funding is term time only, we ask that you pay the full amount of fees for the months of April, August and December. The remaining months will have the funding deducted. You will be required to complete a declaration form confirming the amount of sessions you are claiming for and will need to provide a copy of your child's birth certificate

Younger Babies

We would like to welcome Simon, Annabelle and Aiden to the baby room who joined us this month. We have noticed how well they are settling in to the nursery.



We have had a productive month with every day being as messy as the next! From painting to glitter to sand and jelly!! We have absolutely loved it!! As Christmas is around the corner we have been busy making our decorations for our room.



Our mobility is developing and we are all becoming very proud of ourselves. Aiden demonstrated how to roll over, Teanna and Poppy showed us how they can now sit whilst others have been attempting standing and the crawling. Emma showed us how to crawl and play an instrument at the same time!

We have enjoyed listening to the sounds different musical instruments make and poppy demonstrated how to multitask and play two instruments at the same time!!



We all enjoyed coming into nursery in our pyjamas in aid of children in need and had a relaxed day, whereby some of us took the opportunity to sleep more than normal.

Despite the weather we have enjoyed spending time in the garden on most days!! Connor and Sophia enjoy the slide and exploring the mud in our vegetable patch.

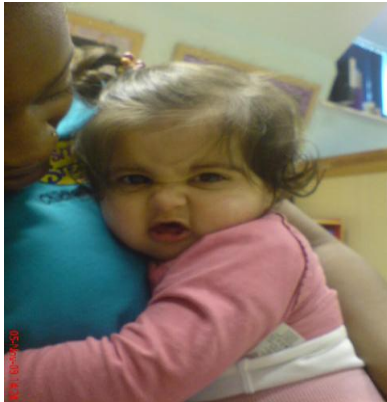
Kim and Mandy

Older Babies

Older babies would like to welcome Joshua, Ethan, Alex, Joshua C, Sophia, Michael, Daniella, Lucia and Neve, All are settling in well into the nursery.

This month we have been concentrating on sensory play and encouraging our children to explore the classroom environment.

We have been exploring our emotions this month. We looked at what made us happy, what made us sad and we made funny faces.



We have also been encouraging personal, social and emotional development by encouraging our children to share toys and experience. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at Christmas activities and in due course we will be replacing our display boards with the children's art work.

Zena and Team

Toddlers

This month we have been busy playing dolls. Many of the children are expecting the arrival of their baby brothers or sisters and so we have taken this opportunity to play with many dolls. We have put dolls to sleep, taken them for walks and given them baths!!

We enjoyed our Halloween tea party in which many parents came to tea too!! It was very appetizing!!



We have been busy exploring colour due to fireworks day and we can now name many colours!!! We created beautiful pictures to mark November 5th!!

We have enjoyed playing with sand with our new sand tray. We explored wet and dry sand and enjoyed running cars through it!

Jane and team

Pre school

We did some straw blow painting and made some pictures. Also we explored the consistency of flour and water and we absolutely loved it.



The pictures we made were of fire works which we did using paint and chalk and then we talked about fire works.

Coming to Nursery in our pyjamas was great fun and we also enjoyed making the cakes to sell and raise money for Children in Need!

Becky and team

Foundation Class

Foundation class have been very busy this month having lots of fun. We participated in a Halloween tea party. They have also taken part in the fund raiser for Children in Need. All the children in attendance came to nursery in their favourite pyjamas.

The children have been involved in a number of creative activities. We produced a fireworks display which was very colourful! We also produced a weather board in which we change daily after looking out the window to see what the weather is like.

As it has been so cold we decided to explore ICE!! Alex found it "very freezing"!



As Christmas is around the corner we have also been busy preparing Christmas cards, calendars and decorations.

Finally we have a new addition to our class room. Joseph very kindly donated his goldfish Nemo.



November Birthdays

We would like to wish everyone who had a birthday in November a Happy birthday

Zara
Sam
Alex

Congratulations

Congratulations to Isla and her family on the safe arrival of her baby sister

Dates for your diary

18th December - Children's Christmas party
18th December - Foundation Class Christmas play production
18th December - End of term for funded only places
24th December - Nursery closes at 5pm
4th January - Nursery reopens as normal and term starts for funded only places

Jill and Team