

December 2017

Theme -

Our theme for December is '**Christmas**'

We are really busy already learning about the Nativity Story and singing lots of Christmas songs. We will be having lots of fun making some Christmas Decorations, and we will be wrapping presents in Santa's Kingdom and Home Corner role play areas this month. In our sensory area we will have magic reindeer food and the children will be modelling special birthday cakes for Baby Jesus! Our shape for this month is 'Star.'

Stories – As well as the Nativity Story, we will be reading the 'Santa' series by Julie Sykes and Tim Warnes – 'Bless you, Santa!', 'Careful Santa!', 'Hurry, Santa!' and 'Shhh!'.

Colour –

Our colours this month are **gold and silver**. Please encourage your child to look out for gold and silver objects in their environment and encourage them to bring something in from home for our colour table. Please ensure that all items are named – they will stay in Nursery until the end of the month when we will send them home again!

Outdoor Play

The weather is definitely getting colder! We want to play outdoors as much as possible, so please remember to send your child's coat with them each day, along with a scarf, hat and gloves as we move to icier conditions! We are encouraging the children's independence when putting on and removing their coat – they have such a sense of achievement when they master this! I know it takes a lot longer, but please let them practise this at home too.

Illness and Allergies

Unfortunately Santa isn't the only visitor this month...there are lots of bugs and viruses around too! While we are delighted that the children are still keen to come into Nursery even when poorly, to try to limit the spread of these illnesses, we would encourage you to keep your child at home when they are unwell. Please note that if your child has had a temperature during the night they should NOT be in school the next day – Calpol and other children's medicines do a great job at bringing their temperature down, but the children can feel very unwell when the effects of this medicine wear off!

REMINDER – We have several children with Allergies in Nursery. To help us safeguard these children, parents are reminded not to send any foods into Nursery.

Christmas Cards

We will be sending home a list of names of the children in your child's class to help you when writing Christmas Cards to their classmates. We will open the doors to our cloakrooms 15 minutes before the end of the session this month, to give you time to post your child's cards in their friend's boxes.

Open Day

Our Open Day for children who will be starting Nursery in September 2018 is on Wednesday 6th December from 2.00pm to 6.00pm.

Please Note – THERE WILL BE NO SESSION FOR THE BLUE CLASS ON THIS DATE.

Enrolment for September 2018

Nursery School – September 2018

Application forms for entry to Dunclug Nursery in September 2018 will be available at our Open Day, on the EA Website or from our Nursery School Office, along with information on how to apply. The completed forms, along with the child's birth certificate, must be returned to us by

12 noon on Wednesday 10th January 2018.

(Please enclose your child's birth certificate.) If you are aware of any friends or members of your local community who have young children please let them know about our Open Day and advise them to contact us on 028 25644286.

Primary School – September 2018

Hopefully you will have received some information about Primary School Open Days from leaflets we have sent home, or from the posters displayed in our entrance hall. If your child's 4th birthday falls on or before the 1st of July 2018, they have reached compulsory school age and should start school in September 2018.

Details of other Open Days can be sought by contacting the schools directly.

Please contact the school you wish your child to be enrolled in, for an application form. Completed application forms, along with your child's birth certificate must be returned to the school of your choice by **12 noon by Wednesday 10th January 2018.**

Christmas Nativity

You should have received an invite to our Nativity Plays along with today's Newsletter.

The children's Nativity should last approximately 20 minutes. This is a very exciting and tiring day as you can imagine, so we are asking parents to arrange for their child to go home with them, or to be collected, when their performance is over.

End of Term arrangements

The last day of term will be –

Tuesday 19th December for Blue Class and Wednesday 20th December for the Red and Yellow classes, with the Yellow class finishing at 11.15am on this day.

Upcoming Events and Important dates –

Friday 1st December – Elf on the Shelf Arriving

Wednesday 6th December – NO BLUE CLASS - Open Day - Children starting Nursery in September '18

Friday 8th December – Jo Jingles and All Wrapped Up (Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Cancer Fund for Children, all donations appreciated). The Yellow class will also have their Christmas Dinner on this date. Normal session times apply,

Monday 11th December – Red and Yellow Classes will visit Dunclug P. S. for a Nativity performance.

Monday 18th December – Yellow Class Nativity performance, 10.00. Blue Class Party.

Tuesday 19th December – Red (10.00 am) and Blue Class (1.30) Nativity Performances. Last day of term for Blue Class.

Wednesday 20th Dec - Last day of term for Red and Yellow Classes.

Yellow Class will finish at 11.15am.

We will have a Christmas party on the last day of term for each session (Blue Class Party will be on Monday 18th December). Children can wear their own clothes or Christmas Fancy Dress if they wish. Party food will be provided by Nursery.





Birthday Boys and Girls

Happy Birthday to all of these special boys and girls who will be celebrating their birthday this month ...

Yellow Class – Seth
Jake
Oisin

Red Class - Nevaeh

Blue Class – Holly
Willow
Aris

On behalf of the Governors and Staff of our Nursery, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. God Bless.



Dionne Bishop – Acting Principal



December Songsheet

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus,
Lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky,
Look down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus,
Asleep on the hay.



Jingle Bells

Jingle bells, Jingle bells,
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
On a one horse open sleigh,
Oh Jingle bells, Jingle bells,
Jingle all the way,
Hurrah for dear old Santa Claus
And hurrah for Christmas Day.



We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year!



Christmas Pudding

Christmas Pudding, Christmas Pudding
Steaming Hot, Steaming Hot,
Sprinkle on the sugar, sprinkle on the sugar, Eat the lot, eat the lot

Five Little Happy Elves

Five Little Happy Elves,
Danced round the workshop shelves,
Looking for lots of jobs to do,
Bang, saw!
One little Happy Elf, Fell off the worktop shelf,
Then there were only four little Happy Elves,
Bang, saw!

