



**December 2021**

**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 Christmas Decorations, and we will be wrapping presents in Santa's Kingdom and Home Corner role play areas this month. We are decorating Christmas Trees, making magic reindeer food and modelling special birthday cakes for Baby Jesus! We will be talking about the star shape, with its straight lines and points.

**Stories** – As well as the Nativity Story, we will be reading stories about 'Santa', 'Threadbear', and 'The Elf on the Shelf.'

**Colour –**

Our colours this month are **gold and silver**. Please encourage your child to look out for gold and silver objects in their environment.

**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.

If your child is wearing wellies to school please send a change of shoes for inside with them too.

Thank you

**School Photographer**

Hopefully you will have received an email with a link to view your child's photograph. If you would like the prints before Christmas please order as soon as possible.

**Christmas Presents for Staff – Donations to Toy Appeal or St Vincent de Paul Charity**

We are so thankful that some parents wish to buy presents for staff at Christmas, however this year, in light of the ongoing pandemic, and the financial burden this has had on people, we are asking that you do not send presents in, but instead, if you can afford to, either buy a small present for a child as part of the Action for Children toy appeal (to be left in Nursery by 8<sup>th</sup> December), **or** make a small donation to St Vincent de Paul, a local charity who do amazing work in our community.

St Vincent de Paul provide invaluable practical support for the many families in our immediate community who may need extra help this Christmas time. If you would like to make a small donation to them in lieu of buying staff presents, please transfer the money to our Nursery Account with the reference **SVP**. We will then write a cheque to them from the account prior to the Christmas Holidays. Thank you in advance.

### **Christmas Cards**

We have sent home a list of names of the children in your child's class via Seesaw, to help you when writing Christmas Cards to their classmates. We will distribute the cards to the children on your child's behalf.

### **Open Day**

We will be having an Open Day, for parents of children who are due to start Nursery in September 2022 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. It will be by appointment only and in the afternoon and evening, so your child's session time is not affected,

If any of your friends or neighbours have children who will be eligible to start pre-school in September 2022 please ask them to contact us to make an appointment to attend.

### **Enrolment for Nursery and Primary Schools for September 2022**

Online applications for Nursery and Primary places will be open from 10<sup>th</sup> January – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022. You will apply via the Parent Portal available at [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk), just as you did last year for Nursery. We have been sharing information on Primary School's Open Days as we receive it, without bias, via Seesaw.

### **Christmas Nativity**

We have been busy practising our Nativity Plays! Unfortunately due to ongoing restrictions we will be unable to host you in Nursery this year to watch the Nativity performance live, however we have booked a videographer to come and record it for us on 17<sup>th</sup> December. We will then share this with you and make DVDs available for you to purchase after the Christmas Holidays. We didn't want your child – or you – to miss out on this special part of the Nursery School Year 😊

### **Car parking**

As we are one of three schools who share our site, we understand that the traffic can be very heavy at drop off and pick up times. We are asking that parents please show consideration of others when parking at our entrance. As staff have different starting and finishing times to cater with different session times, we are asking that parents or carers do not block our vehicle entrance by parking across our gate. We have been asked by Dunclug College to please also show consideration for the buses who arrive, by not parking in a space that blocks their thoroughfare. Thank you!

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Children may wear a Christmas Jumper on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, to raise money St Vincent de Paul. Suggested donation is £1, which can be sent to school on this date. Please do not feel that you have to buy something special – the children can come in non-uniform if they do not have a Christmas Jumper!

### **Upcoming Events and Important dates –**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Jo Jingles will visit for a Christmas Session. Normal session times apply.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Mr Hullabaloo's theatre show – normal session times apply.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day for dropping off a present for our toy appeal.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day, for St Vincent de Paul Charity

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Filming of Nativity performance

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Blue Class (pm) Christmas Party – non uniform and last day of term

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Red and Yellow Class Christmas Party – session ends at 11.15am for all.



### **Birthday Boys and Girls**

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

**Yellow Class – Carter**  
**Emma**

**Blue Class – Antoni**  
**Cahan**  
**Lottie**



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

*Pamela Muir – Principal*