

WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you all enjoyed some time spent with family and friends over the Christmas and New Year holidays. On behalf of the staff and Governors I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and extend our best wishes to you and your family for 2023. We are excited for all the fun learning that we have planned for Terms 2 and 3 in Nursery 😊

Theme -

Our theme for January is **'Winter and Cold Lands'**

We will be looking out for seasonal changes and talking about the clothes we need to wear to keep ourselves warm. We hope to be able to continue to play and learn outdoors as much as possible this month, so please remember to dress your child appropriately for the colder weather, by ensuring they bring a coat and scarf/hat/gloves daily. As part of our Winter topic we will also learn about people and animals who live in cold countries. Please continue to give your child the opportunity to talk to you about what they are learning about in Nursery.

Stories – This month we will be reading 'Penguin Small' by Mick Inkpen and some of the 'Percy the Park Keeper' stories by Nick Butterworth, as well as lots of stories and non-fiction texts about cold weather and polar animals.

Colour –

Our colour this month is **blue**. Please encourage your child to look out for **blue** objects in their environment.

Toy 'Show and Share' day – Friday 6th January –

This Friday the children can bring a new toy that they received from Santa or as a Christmas present to show and share in class during their session in Nursery- Please do not send any electronic devices!

Enrolment for Nursery or Primary School entry in September 2023

The Admissions process for applying for a Nursery or Primary School place for your child for September 2023 opens on 10th January at 12 noon. You can apply online by visiting the Education Authority website, www.eani.org.uk and clicking on 'Admissions'. The closing date and time for Stage 1 of the process is 27th January 2023 at 12noon. If you have any queries about the application process you can speak to Mrs. Muir, your chosen Primary School, or call the Education Authority Helpline on 028 95 985595.

Christmas Jumper Day and donations fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you for your donations to this very worthy cause. We raised £100.00, which we have passed on to SVP to help families in need.

Nursery Fund

The total amount for this term's contribution is £55.00, or £5 per week if you wish to pay weekly. This money is used to purchase food for snack, to pay nursery visitors and to buy resources for your child.

We rely heavily on the contribution made by parents to enable us to provide quality resources to support your child's learning, particularly in the face of budget cuts. Please make payments directly into our Nursery Account on a Monday, or on the first day that your child attends school that week, if you are paying weekly and remember to put your child's name as a reference. Thank you.

Book Packs

Please return any book packs that you have at home from before the holidays. We will send out new book packs at the beginning of next week.

Contact Details

Please remember to let us know if your contact details change, so we can update our records.

If your child is sick...

We are hoping that the Christmas Break will have seen a return to wellness for the majority of our children, following a period of unprecedented incidents of illness at the end of last term. Please help us to minimise the spread of childhood illnesses by keeping your child at home if they are unwell. Staff can advise on exclusion periods for different illnesses, so it is important that you let us know if your child is unwell, either via Seesaw or by phonecall.

Upcoming Events and Important dates –

Friday 6th January – Toy Show and Share Day

Tuesday 10th January – Online applications open for Nursery and Primary places for September 2023

Thursday 19th January – Jo Jingles will be in Nursery, normal session times apply.

Friday 27th January – Closing date for applying for a Nursery / Primary School place.

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February – Half Term Holiday.



**Birthdays this month...
Happy Birthday to ...**

Yellow Class

**Ajay
Robert
Tobias
Shea
Sophia
Tommy**

Blue Class

**Heidi
Michael**

Many Thanks for your continued support

Pamela Muir - Principal