



# Nursery News

December 2023

**Our Theme is Christmas Colour: Gold**

We will use toys with a Christmas theme: jigsaws, nativity costumes, threading fairy lights, making mince pies. Our activities will reinforce vocabulary and language development.

## Helping your child

- Talk about all the things the children see in the shop windows.
- Name things that may be new e.g. brussel sprouts, cranberries, mince pies.
- Count the number of Christmas trees in the street.
- 'I spy on the Christmas tree something that....has a red nose...is furry.....can fly.
- If your child has a dummy, Santa is known to collect donations for the baby reindeer at this time of year. Be mindful that dummies for children who are of talking age is detrimental to their speech development.



## Cinema Visit—15th December

Details have been communicated already and buses paid for. We will be seeing 'The Wish', a certificate PG movie. Please ensure a permission slip has been signed and returned to Nursery and payment has been made on Eduspot. Please be punctual on that day as the buses will arrive promptly. We will supply a small treat for children to enjoy during the film. We will return to school for dinners and home time as normal. The children are generally very tired after this exciting day!

**Thank you to those parents who had a Christmas clear out and donated items to school. They have been gratefully received and money raised at the upcoming Christmas Fair will be used to support our pupils learning.**



## Nativity 6th December.

We have been very busy practising and look forward to entertaining you with some Christmas songs at our morning Nativity show. After the show we will return to Nursery promptly as some children can become tearful. Please wave to your child but do not come up to them at the stage, as this can upset their friends (if their carer is not able to be there)



Please remember to send in a **named Christmas Jumper** for our Nativity.

## Reminders

We send reminders on Seesaw so make sure you have logged into your account using the QR you were given. (The logo has changed!)

Please pay for any outstanding snack money on Eduspot ASAP. Many thanks.



## Year 1 and Nursery Application Forms

Remember online application forms must be completed from 9th January before the closing date on 26th January at 12noon. Remember to load up your documents at the same time!



We find old cards useful for scissor practice, we would particularly welcome ones with robins, snowmen, Santa or winter scenes on them.

Birthday and Easter cards are always scarce!



## Head Lice

Please check carefully for any infestations. Over the counter remedies are effective if you follow instructions carefully and do meticulous fine combing. If we are all careful over the holiday we should be all safe from critters in January!



Book bags seem to be popular—with children and grown ups! Thank you for returning the books regularly and in good condition. Reading to your child every night has benefits for their language development and communication skills. **Keep up the good work that you are doing.**



## Reminders

Please ensure your child comes in every day with a warm winter coat. These need to be able to fasten as we go outside on cold days.. Please **name** any hats you send in as there are a lot of Spiderman and Marvel ones this year!



**Wednesday 20th December** is the last day of Nursery before the Christmas holidays! We finish at 12noon - no lunches will be served on this day.



Wear your Christmas Jumper on **7th December** to raise money for the School Council's chosen charity—NI Children's Hospice

*On behalf of all the staff we hope you have an enjoyable, safe, stress free holiday.*

*We wish you seasonal greetings; A Merry Christmas and A Peaceful New Year.*

*See you again on Thursday 4th January 2024.*