



# December Newsletter

## Pre-School Room

In the pre school room we have been very busy learning about Colours and Sounds as well as Diwali and Bonfire night. We have explored how colours can be mixed and changed and used them to make different patterns and pictures of fireworks.

We have listened to sounds and made our own sounds with musical instruments. We learnt all about Diwali, the festival of light. We made henna hands and rangoli patterns using bright colours and talked about the meaning of them.

We explored colours in nature, identifying the colours that Autumn brings. We made our own brightly coloured leaf paintings, made autumn soup in the mud kitchen and enjoyed stories around the campfire.

## Toddler Room

The toddlers have been exploring colours and sounds. We made our own rainbows, sang colour songs and learnt new colour names. We developed our fine motor skills by exploring the rainbow playdough. We learnt about Diwali through exploration of light and colour.

We learnt about sounds by making our own musical instruments and listening out for different sounds in the environment.

## Baby Room.

The baby room have been exploring autumn and bonfire night through sensory exploration. We have made hedgehog bread and read "That's not my hedgehog".

We have made Autumn soup with natural materials out in the garden and jumped and splashed in the muddy puddles. We have further explored our senses through scented playdough, scented porridge play and lights in the dark den.

## Important Dates

- 2nd Dec Charity Coffee Morning
- 8th Dec Main Area Nativity
- 15th Dec Christmas Party Day
- 20th December Christmas Dinner.
- 22nd Dec Breakfast around the world

## Book & Rhyme of the month

**Preschool:** The Usbourne "Nativity" Story.

**Rhyme:** "When Santa got stuck up the chimney"

**Toddlers:** "That's not my Reindeer."

**Babies and Toddlers Rhyme:** "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer".

## Christmas Party.

Our children's Christmas party is scheduled to take place on Friday 15th December at 2pm at the nursery and will finish at 4pm. If your child does not attend that day they will need to be dropped off at nursery at 2pm and collected by 4pm. There will be party food, games and lots of fun! If you have not replied yet please can you Claire or Sam know so that we have an idea for catering.

## Christmas Opening Hours.

The nursery will close for Christmas on Friday 22nd December at 6.00pm or earlier if all the children have gone home and will remain closed throughout Christmas week reopening as normal on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

### Christmas Card Post Box

This year we will have a Christmas Post Box in the Christmas Post Office! If your child would like to send cards to their friends we will encourage them to post them in the post box to be collected and delivered by our post person.

### Reindeer Run.

The children in Pre school will be taking part in a sponsored Reindeer Run in aid of Overgate Hospice on 14th December. If your child does not attend Thursday but you would like to sponsor a staff member, please speak to a member of the pre-school team.

## Birthdays

Henry 2nd Dec

Poppy Sykes 3rd Dec

Evalynne 8th Dec

Logan 9th Dec

## Christmas Charity Coffee Morning.

We are holding our Christmas Coffee Morning on 2nd Dec 23, starting at 10am, There will be lots of Christmas activities for you and your child to join in with.

The cost of tickets are £3.00 for adults and £2.00 for children and includes the first drink and cake. All proceeds are going to the Forget Me Not Trust.



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## Things to do at home this month

### Pre-School

The children in the Pre school room are going to be taking part in lots of Christmas activities. You can extend your child's learning at home through taking part in activities such as writing a Christmas list for Father Christmas and encouraging your child to draw pictures. You could read Christmas stories and encourage your child to talk about the story including about the characters and your child's favourite part. You can talk about kindness at Christmas and about giving and how we can be kind to others.

### Toddler room

The children are going to be taking part in Christmas activities and reading the story "That's not my Reindeer". At home you can encourage your child to draw on Christmas cards and develop their emerging writing skills. You can bake gingerbread biscuits; baking activities help to develop many learning skills including mathematics through weighing, measuring and time, Understanding the World through understanding changes when baking the mixture and physical development by using tools to mix the ingredients. We have been learning and singing lots of Christmas songs, join in at home and develop your child's language skills.

### Baby Room

The children in the baby room are going to be exploring Christmas and developing their Communication and Language Skills. You can do this at home by singing Christmas songs and looking at Christmas books talking about the pictures. You could also make a sensory bin using baubles, tinsel and other Christmas's items and develop your child's sensory skills and introduce new vocabulary. You could make gloop using corn flour and water and add scents such as ginger to it.

### When Santa got stuck up the Chimney

When Santa got stuck up the chimney  
He began to shout  
You girls and boys won't get any toys  
If you don't pull me out  
My beard is black  
There's soot on my back  
My nose is tickling too, ooh  
When Santa got stuck up the chimney  
A-choo, A-choo, A-choo!

### Next Month

The children in the pre school will be reading "Robin's Winter Song".  
The children in the Toddler room will be reading "That's not my Polar Bear".  
The babies will be singing "I'm a little snowman".

### Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
Had a very shiny nose,  
And if you ever saw it,  
You would even say it glows.  
All of the other reindeer  
Used to laugh and call him names;  
They never let poor Rudolph  
Join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve,  
Santa came to say,  
Rudolph with your nose so bright,  
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?

Then all the reindeer loved him  
As they shouted out with glee,  
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,  
You'll go down in history.

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