

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 1st December 2023



This week in Nursery:

Firstly, we'd like to say a huge thank you for your understanding this week whilst the Nursery closed and for your kind words on our return. Tracey is still off poorly, but hopefully she will return in all her wonderful glory next week. We'd also like to apologise for having to cancel the Donation for a Decoration event.

Unfortunately, due to a crammed December, we won't have time to reschedule. However, thankfully, we still have the children's performance to look forward to and we will ensure we organise another event for next term, so watch this space.

Despite the short week, the children have certainly made the most of it. As the festive season beckons, we are already getting into full Christmas mode! The children completed their headbands for the performance and have also been busy making and decorating the Christmas tree with their beautiful creations. We will also be reading different Christmas stories over the coming weeks, to celebrate this time of year and noting how it is celebrated in different parts of the world. If you would like to share your own family traditions we would love to hear about them and share them in Nursery.



As part of our 'Zones of Regulation we continue to focus on feelings and particularly this week on being kind and how this makes us and others feel. We have been reading lots of stories which centre around kindness and what kindness means. In recent weeks we have also been working hard to support the children with their independence skills. With the weather now so very chilly, the children have been superstars at putting on their coats themselves, only needing a little help to zip or button up. So please, keep on helping them at home.



Things to Note:

- **Christmas Season Singalong – Thursday 7th December – clothes for children**

Our special singalong is almost here! Only if you are able to, please could you dress your children in the colours red, green, or white. Please don't worry if this is not possible. There will be two performances, and after each performance there will be time to enjoy a mince pie or two and an opportunity to talk with other parents and staff. The times are as follows:

- 10.45 – 11.15am
- 2.30pm – 3.00pm

- **Starting primary school in 2024**

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2024, please remember, the deadline for school applications is **Monday 15th January 2024**. If you need any help completing the online application, please do talk to a member of staff.

- **Parent Meetings**

On Friday 12th January 2024, we will be holding parent meetings during the school day for all children currently attending nursery. Subsequently, the nursery will be closed on this day. Please remember to book a slot on the sign-up sheet at drop off or pick up.

- **Spring Term Start Date**

Please note that Nursery will reopen on **Monday 15th January 2024**. This is later than the main school, as nursery staff will be attending home visits for the new children during the first week back in January.

We do hope you have a lovely weekend and wrap up warm as the temperatures drop!
Take care everyone.

Katrina, Sophie, Liz, Fiona and Tracey.