



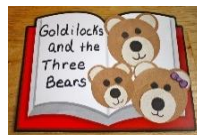
LISNAGELVIN NURSERY SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Looking Back

November was a busy month in the nursery.



The children have enjoyed our firefighter play, exploring real fruit and vegetables in our classroom shops and the story Goldilocks and the 3 Bears.

Karen from 'Banyan Theatre' will now bring the story to life using her home made puppets next Monday 4th December.

Thanks to Ellie's mum Catherine, who came to talk to the children about healthy foods and treat foods.

Thanks also to Emily's dad Stephen who brought a fire engine to nursery yesterday. The children all got to see Stephen's fire fighter uniform. A few children even got to wear his helmet.



'JUMP FOR PUDSEY' – Children in Need Charity

Our 'Jump for Pudsey Day' was a great success. Children and staff had lots of fun participating in jumping games and activities. We raised £125 for Children in Need.

Thank you for your continued support.



Defibrillator

You may have noticed our new defibrillator on the wall in the main hall. Our thanks to Dr. John Doherty, our Chair of Governors, who kindly donated this device to the nursery. Our staff will be trained in its safe use during the month of December.

DECEMBER TOPICS AND ACTIVITIES

This month's topics of interest include:

- The Nativity
- Having fun at Christmas time



Please take the time to share the Curriculum News with your child and talk to them about what they are learning.



Christmas in nursery is always a magical time. The staff have worked hard to transform the nursery into a Christmas Wonderland so the excitement has already begun.

CHRISTMAS JO JINGLES CELEBRATION

You have already received the details of our Christmas Celebration event on Friday 15th December. We look forward to singing along with Doreen during Jo Jingles, having a Christmas Snack and meeting with Santa. Remember to wear your Christmas jumper or the children can simply wear their own clothes. Check with Mrs Taggart or Miss Devine if you are unsure of what group your child is in.



CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

Cancer Fund for Children is a charity for children and young people diagnosed with cancer or living with a parent with cancer. The charity offers support to families in their home, in the community and on the hospital ward. They also support families in Daisy Lodge which is a purpose-built therapeutic centre based in Newcastle Co. Down for families affected by cancer.

Our nursery will support the Cancer Fund for Children on our Christmas jumper day on the 18th December. Children can bring in £1 on this day and we will forward the funds raised to this worthy charity.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR SALE

Every year Mrs Galbraith's mother knits beautiful Christmas decorations for display in nursery. Firstly we use them to decorate the hall and then we sell them to our children and families to raise funds for the nursery.

If you would like to purchase any the children can choose their own decorations from the display before putting them in their trays to take home with them.



This year the decorations will go on sale on **Monday 11th December**. They are £2 each or 3 for £5.

GIFTS FOR STAFF

As a staff, we have discussed the giving of gifts by the children to us at Christmas time. We have always appreciated your kindness at Christmas but we thought it might be an idea to use that money to contribute to a local charity, donate to a local food bank or to give a little extra to a deserving family member instead.

ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Application forms for admission to nursery in September 2024 will be available to complete online from Tuesday 9th January 2024 on the Education Authority website - www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions.

The closing date for applications is Friday 26th January 2024 at 12 NOON.

Please note that if your child is seeking nursery provision for a second year they must reapply.

OPEN DAY

We are hosting an open day next **Wednesday 6th December from 2pm to 4pm**. If you know any family with a child due to start nursery school in September 24 please pass on the date and time to them. We always look forward to meeting our new families.

REMINDER

During the colder, wetter weather we often need to change the children's clothes. Please remember to



top up your child's spare clothes in their peg bag. Please put names on their hats, gloves and scarves too.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Galbraith family on the arrival of baby Archie, a new brother for Benjamin.

CHILD SAFE INTERNET & MEDIA

www.common sense media.org



This site was recently recommended to us by Child Protection Officers from the Education Authority to highlight to parents.

Common sense media is a San Francisco based non-profit organisation that provides education and advocacy to families to promote safe technology and media for children. It reviews books, films, TV shows, apps, music and websites and rates them in terms of age appropriate educational content so that parents can make media choices for their children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4 th Dec	Banyan theatre "The 3 Bears"
Wednesday 6 th Dec	Open Afternoon from 2.00- 4.00 pm for September 2024 prospective parents
Thursday 14 th Dec	Christmas Dinner for the Full-time class
Friday 15 th Dec	Jo Jingles concert and visit from Santa
Monday 18 th Dec	Charity Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 20 th Dec	Christmas party for all classes Term 1 finishes for the Afternoon class
Thursday 21 st Dec	Term 1 finishes at 11.15 am for Full-time class and Morning class
Thursday 4 th Jan 24	Term 2 starts



May we take this opportunity to wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Celebrate Christmas safely

December

Child safety tips



Ensure all Christmas lighting is switched off before leaving the house or going to bed



Burn candles in a suitable secure holder. Keep children away from lighted candles and extinguish properly before going to bed



Fit a smoke detector up stairs and downstairs, and check batteries every Monday



Away in a Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The Little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay



Santa's box

Here is the box
Here is the top
Open the lid
And out Santa pops!



Jingle Bells

Jingle Bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride on a one horse open sleigh hey!
Jingle Bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride on a one horse open sleigh



Twinkle Twinkle

Twinkle Twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle Twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are

We Wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year
Glad tidings we bring for you and your kin
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!



Dear Old Santa Claus

(sung to the tune of "Skip to my Lou")
Guess who's beard is long and white
Guess who's beard is long and white
Guess who's beard is long and white
It's dear old Santa Claus

Guess who's suit is red and white
Guess who's suit is red and white
Guess who's suit is red and white
It's dear old Santa Claus

Christmas Cheer

(sung to the tune of "We wish you a merry Christmas")

Let's all do a little clapping
Let's all do a little clapping
Let's all do a little clapping
And spread Christmas cheer



Let's all do a little waving
Let's all do a little waving
Let's all do a little waving
And spread Christmas cheer



Guess what?

Guess what? A baby boy was born
Guess what? A baby boy was born
Guess what? A baby boy was born
Down in Bethlehem



Curriculum News:



Nativity

The story of Christmas through play, drama, rhyme and song.



Colours



Christmas Tree

Children will decorate our tree in school



We will discuss colour, smell, texture and safety

Shape: Star

Look out for stars all around
We will use lots of glitter and stars in our Art and Craft activities



Art and craft

We will wrap boxes of all different shapes and sizes in Christmas paper to place under our Christmas tree.



We could continue to practise using scissors, glue and the cellotape dispenser at home too.



Positional words

We will play with Santa and Snowmen figures and place them **In, on, under, behind, beside** and **in front of** Christmas parcels



A Jo Jingles Christmas

We will practise lots of songs and rhymes for our Jo Jingles Christmas sing along on Friday 15th December. Extracts of the Christmas sing-alongs will be shown on Seesaw.



Christmas Display

The children will spend a little time looking at and talking about our Christmas displays in the front corridor and hall.

