



Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

After a white and frosty start to the week with a 'snow day' on Monday the children have been very excited discussing their adventures and the amazing fun they all had in the snow!



It was wonderful hearing about their sledging experiences and their fantastic snowmen which had been made at home, with carrots, buttons and bananas for the face! Following on from this we have been making snowy pictures at Nursery with a range of media such as cotton wool, silver foil and glitter to get that snowy effect. The children have also been exploring and playing with the snow during Forest Fun this week, making snow angels and having an amazing time in the snow!



We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Our trip to The Warwick Arts Centre on Tuesday to see 'We're going on a bear hunt' proved to be a huge success with both children and teachers! The children really enjoyed this Early Years trip to watch one of their all-time favourite stories. They were

also really well behaved throughout the whole afternoon and were a credit to the school!

Nursery have also been continuing with their Christmas activities this week. The children have been making tree decorations in the form of reindeers, stars, sleighs, angels and many more. The children used paint and glitter to ensure they sparkle and will look fantastic on their Christmas tree at home!



Read, Write, Inc.

The children have been looking at 'c' and 'k' this week. Once again we have had some wonderful items brought in from home and the children have enjoyed discussing and sorting these items into the correct sound boxes during group times. We shall continue in January with some new letter sounds, although during the first week back from Tuesday 9th January we shall be revising the sounds we have learnt so far. New letter sounds will then begin on Monday 15th January.

Reverse Advent Calendar

You may have noticed in Sagitta we are collecting items for our Reverse Advent Calendar. This is for children who are not as fortunate as us and help to give them a better Christmas. Nursery are collecting these items next week on 18th, 19th, and 20th December and you are welcome to contribute if you wish to. Any donations would be appreciated. Please refer to letters sent home this week regarding the type of items to be donated. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

Our final few days of term are due to be very busy once again. The Nursery Christmas Party will take place during the afternoon of Tuesday 19th December. If any morning children would like to stay on and join us for this they are very welcome to do so and the party should end by 3:00pm. Please let Nursery staff know as soon as possible if any morning children would like to stay all day. The children are also welcome to come to Nursery dressed in their party clothes on this day.

Wednesday 20th December will be Christmas jumper day and also the last day of term. School will be closing for the Christmas holidays at Midday on this day. All children are to be collected by 12pm and there will be no after-care. We re-open on Tuesday 9th January and when we return to Nursery in the New Year we shall also be welcoming some new children who are joining us.

We hope all children and parents enjoy the Christmas holidays. We always value parental involvement, therefore you are welcome to contribute to the Christmas holiday activity which will be sent home next week, if you wish. This could be in the form of a photo of their favourite present, or a special Christmas picture your child has drawn. This can then be included in children's Learning Journals on their return to Nursery in January and provides a lovely link between home and Nursery!

Many thanks for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

RECEPTION NEWS

What a festive start to the week! How lovely to have snow before Christmas to get us in the spirit. We know you had a wonderful few days of snowman building and snowball fights - we have heard all about it! However, we were pleased to be back in on Tuesday to go to the theatre to see 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We were taken on a journey through grass, a river, mud, a forest and a snowstorm. We had a brilliant time with lots of laughs, getting squirted with water and being snowed on along the way! We eventually found a furry-eared, goggle-eyed bear in a deep, dark cave! We all thought he wasn't really a scary bear but just wanted some friends....



We have made lots of Christmassy things this week which we will take home next week. This included party hats, which we wore on Thursday to our Christmas lunch. We enjoyed our yummy food with Christmas music, crackers and Christmas cake.



Following on from that, feeling all fuelled up, we put our wellies on and enjoyed the last bit of snow on the field. We played games and built ice sculptures!



Reminders

Party day is next week on Tuesday. Come in to school wearing your party clothes - remember to bring a warm coat to wear too!

Please remember that school closes on Wednesday 20th at 12pm. There will be no aftercare on Wednesday. Remember to wear Christmas jumpers!

Finally, as there will be no newsletter next week, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe (and warm!) and we look forward to seeing you in 2018!

