



# Nursery News

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Issue 2

## Welcome back to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Welcome back after our half term holiday! We have lots going on especially in the run up to Christmas. Please check out our important dates below– especially our Christmas concert.

I would like to welcome our new children who have just joined Tudhoe Moor Nursery this week– I'm sure your child will settle in well and enjoy their time here.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the parents, grandparents, carers and other family members that attended our Stay and Play day. It was so well attended and lovely to see how happy the children were and seeing you all there. They did an amazing job and the staff could not be prouder of them!

Julia Hymers  
Head Teacher

## Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 4th November</b>	First day back at school. Bonfire day treat– toasted marshmallows by the fire!
<b>Friday 15th November</b>	Children in Need. Non-uniform (yellow if possible!), donations welcome.
<b>Monday 2nd December</b> <b>Tuesday 3rd December</b> <b>Wednesday 4th December</b>	Santa's Grotto visit– please see page 2.
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b> <b>Friday 13th December</b>	Christmas concert day– please see details on page 4
<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	The Littlest Christmas Elf play
<b>Thursday 19th December</b>	Christmas party day– come in your party clothes. Snacks and party games for children. Break up for Christmas holidays!
<b>Friday 21st December</b>	<b>Nursery CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday 6th January</b>	First day back for children

### Santa's Grotto at Spennymoor Town Hall

Children will be visiting Santa on Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th December. As we have a large number of children we will be going in three groups:

Monday 2nd December– Red, Blue and Purple PM group

Tuesday 3rd December– Yellow AM group and Purple AM group

Wednesday 4th December– Green group



We plan to walk to Spennymoor Town Hall (around 30 minutes) and back again. As the children are so young we need lots of volunteers in order for the visit to go ahead. We would like to ask if there are any parents that can come with us for this lovely experience. If you can attend, please let Tracy at the office know.

If your child does not attend Nursery on the date chosen for your group, you are welcome to join us there and meet Santa.

### Packed lunches

Just a reminder to say that all packed lunches should be healthy and balanced. Our school has a healthy eating policy which states that we encourage children to be healthy where possible, with an occasional treat. A balanced packed lunch (recommended by the British Nutrition Foundation) should be:

- A starchy food– pasta, bread, bagel, rice, wraps etc
- Fruit and vegetables– 1-2 portions such as cucumber sticks, apple, banana, raisins etc.
- A dairy product– cheese, yoghurt etc.
- A drink– water only

Any packed lunches containing chocolate, biscuits or sweets will have these items removed before giving the remaining items to children. Our children that have school dinners also receive a balanced lunch with fruit as their pudding.

**REMINDER– applications for school places close on 15th January 2020. You will need to apply online to ensure that your child has a place at a Primary school in September 2020.**

## Donations

Tracy will be making up some chocolate hampers for raffle prizes at our Christmas concert to raise money for the Nursery. Any donations of chocolate would be appreciated. Please bring these to the office.



## What are we learning this half-term?

Our main theme this half term is looking at different celebrations. We will be celebrating:

- Halloween
- Bonfire Night
- Diwali– festival of lights celebrated by Hindu families
- Christmas

Children are now developing their self-help skills and many of our children can put on their own coats and wellies. We will be continuing to practice these skills as well as doing up zips independently.

We have had a focus on children identifying the first initial in their name. We ask them to 'write' their name on every piece of work they do. At this stage it may not look like their name but it is important that they realise that the marks they make have a meaning. Each child has a name card that they can copy their name from until they can recognise it independently.

For our new starters, we have a big focus on sharing stories and learning nursery rhymes with numbers up to five such as Five Little Speckled Frogs, Five Little Ducks etc. We are spending lots of time ensuring that they get used to our rules and routines and joining in with group activities.

For the children that have been with us longer, we are focusing on numbers up to 10 (and beyond) and what these numbers represent. They enjoy learning the days of the week, months of the year and exploring patterns.

Lots of our children are still learning how to take turns and share toys. This is a completely normal stage of their development. We encourage children to solve problems like this by playing games with their friends with some adult support and using words such as 'my turn, your turn'.

## Christmas Concert

There will be two performances of our Christmas concert  
this year:

**Wednesday 11th December 1.30PM**

**Friday 13th December 9.45AM**



Due to the large number of children we have this year, we have split them into  
two groups so they will only perform on the dates below:

Wednesday 11th December will be for Red, Blue and some Green  
children only.

Friday 13th December will be for Yellow AM, Purple AM, Purple PM and Green  
children only.

Green group: please speak to Natasha regarding performances.

Due to health and safety regulations, we ask that only 2 people attend from  
each family to ensure that we have enough space in the Hall.

**Please see Tracy to let her know how many seats you will be requiring.** You  
can also put your name on the waiting list if you require more than two tickets,  
however these seats can not be guaranteed.

The performance will last for around half an hour, followed by mince pies and  
drinks in the Hall for parents while we get the children changed.

## Christmas Elf Play

We have arranged for a theatre company to come and perform a play called The Littlest  
Christmas Elf on Thursday 12th December. The performance is at 10.00am. If your child  
only attends on an afternoon or does not come at all on a Thursday, you are welcome to  
bring them in for the hour to watch the performance. It should last around 45 minutes.