



Nursery News

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Issue 2

Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Welcome back after our half term holiday! We are very excited to be back and can't wait to get started with lots of new activities and events. We have lots going on in the run up to Christmas; please check out our important dates below- especially our Christmas Nativity!

Julia Hymers Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th November	First day back
Friday 15th November	Children in Need (non-uniform day- Pudsey ears if you wish!)
Monday 9th December & Thursday 12th December	Green group's Christmas Performance (please see page 2)
Monday 16th December	'The Greediest Christmas Elf' performance
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18th December	Party day! (page 3)
Friday 20th December	Last day of Nursery
Friday 20th December	9.00am Sensory play coffee morning (all welcome)
Tuesday 7th January	First day back at Nursery

We are still waiting for one final diary date. Every year we take our children to meet Santa at Spennymoor Town Hall- the dates have not yet been released for Nurseries. We will let you know as soon as we find out!

Remembrance Day

We will have poppies on the door each morning available for a donation. Other items are also available: Bands or bracelets £1, Key chains or zip tags 50p. Children will be watching a short and age-appropriate video on Friday 11th November in school.



Green Group's Christmas Performance

We would like to invite you to our Christmas performances on either

Monday 9th December at 9.30am or

Thursday 12th December at 1.30pm.

Children will sing some Christmas songs and be dressed up in

Nativity outfits. Please sign up to a slot at the school office. Up to three family members are welcome– if you require any more, please speak to Erin at the school office who can put you on our waiting list. This year we have not grouped the children to allow greater flexibility for parents. You are invited to come to watch one of the performances.

There are to be no photos or videos taken during the performance, but there will be an opportunity at the end for you to spend time with your child in their costumes so that you can take some photos of them alone.



The Greediest Christmas Elf performance

We have invited a theatre company in to Nursery do a mini-production for the children on **Monday 16th December at 9.30am** lasting around 45 minutes.

They have been in to perform in previous years and have been a real hit with the children, we're sure this year will be just as good! If your child does not attend nursery on a Monday, they are still welcome to come along! Chat to Erin to book them in for free and find out the timings.



Last few spaces!

We have a small number of spaces remaining for January. If you know any 2 or 3 year olds looking for a nursery place, please pass on our details!



Christmas Jumper Day



Children will be having a Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 17th December**.

Staff sit with the children and enjoy a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, with crackers, hats and festive music. If your child does not usually stay for dinner but you would like them to join us for dinner for a cost of £3.00 please let Erin know before Friday 15th November.

This year we have combined our Christmas Dinner Day with Christmas Jumper day. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper / T-shirt or non-uniform if they prefer.

We hope by combining the two events our Christmas Dinner Day will be extra festive!



Party day

This year's Christmas party day will be on **Wednesday 18th December**.

Children can come in wearing their party clothes– but please remember to still bring a coat and sensible shoes in case we go outside! If your child does not attend on a Wednesday, they can still come and enjoy the fun from 9am to 12pm.

Snack Donation

We would like to kindly ask for a donation of £1 per week (or £2 for a 30 hour child) to help pay for our daily snacks and activities. Children have fruit, cheese, crackers etc as well as helping to buy playdough ingredients and lots more. You can give your money to Erin in the office or leave it in the tin next to our front door.



Fundraising

We will be selling reindeer dust and reindeer hot chocolate during December to help raise money for our school fund. We use this money to help pay for ingredients to make playdough and to bake with the children. As well as subsidising visits to keep costs down for parents.

We will also be running a chocolate and bottle tombola. If you have any chocolates, sweets or bottles that you would like to donate, please give them to Erin at the school office. The bottles can be alcoholic, non-alcoholic, or other types of bottles such as shampoo etc! Tickets will be available to buy during our Christmas Nativity performances for £1.00 a strip and the winners will be picked after the final performance.



What are we learning this half-term?

This half term we will be learning and celebrating:

- Bonfire Night (with toasted marshmallows)
- Diwali– the Hindu festival of Light
- Christmas



Two year old provision

Our main focus for this term is communication and language. Lots of our children are early talkers and still developing their speech and vocabulary. Keep an eye out for our 'terrific talker' display which celebrates all of our children's new words and language skills.

We've doing lots of singing and story times as well as small world play such as the farm, doll's house and car garage to try and introduce new words. We've also got some plastic mobile phones which the children are having a great time 'phoning' their friends and mummies and daddies! Our pretend microphones are also a huge hit and encourage children to practise singing some of our favourite songs.

Extra sessions



We have a small number of spaces available for extra sessions (9am to 12.00pm or 12pm to 3pm). Please see a staff member to book an extra session– perfect for Christmas shopping days, or a bit of well-deserved free time!

Only £25 for either session (and the afternoon comes with a free hot lunch!)

Parents comments

If you have any questions or comments about anything in the newsletter or nursery in general; or you would like further information about anything to do with nursery, please see a member of staff or contact us on: 01388 436000 or e-mail: tudhoemoor.nursery@durhamlearning.net

If you would like to have a more in-depth discussion about anything, you can make an appointment to speak to with your child's key worker or Mrs Hymers.