



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!)
Tuesday 10th December & Thursday 12th December	Christmas Nativity performances (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 4)
Friday 20th December	Sensory Coffee Morning 9.00am
Friday 20th December	Last day of Nursery
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 Monday 11th November in school.



Christmas Nativity

We cannot wait for our Christmas Nativity performances!

Children will perform a mini Nativity with lots of festive songs (and of course, adorable costumes!) on

Tuesday 10th December at 2.00pm or

Thursday 12th December at 9.30am

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.

Please book which performance you would like to attend via the school office and how many tickets you require. We can guarantee that each child can have three tickets, but if you would like more, please speak to Erin who will check out availability.

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.



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. 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.



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** 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.

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.

Christmas Dinner & 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!

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

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 practise these skills as well as doing up zips independently. We will be listening for rhyming words in stories. We will also be looking at patterns and practising counting using one to one correspondence.

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

School places

REMINDER: Applications for your child's place at Primary School close on Wednesday 15th January 2024. Could you please let Erin know when you have submitted your application and which schools you have chosen.

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!



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 £18 for either session (and the afternoon comes with a free hot lunch!)

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.



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.