

# Tywardreath Pre-School Playgroup

November & December 2021 Autumn Term News (3)  
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**Learning themes and intentions for December: Explorations of Christmas through story, song, movement, craft and research and retell. Our mathematical focus is 'shape'. Please help strengthen shape concepts by encouraging and modeling shape language such as long, straight, curve and pattern language such as spotty, bumpy and having fun with shapes.**

## Coop Community Fund

We have received our donation from the local Coop Community Fund, which is a total of £5716.00!

We applied for the money for outdoor education, including forest school, beach school and other off site trips.

In January 2021 we bought car seats for our 'Cultural Capital' visits and ran 22 weeks of off site events for the School Risers. The biggest cost of our adventures is staffing.

Last week the children had a visit from Coop staff and we arranged for them to present £1000 of new bikes and outdoor equipment to the children, which we purchased with the fund.

All the costs for the trips this term have also been covered by the kind donation.

## Festive Events and Dates

**All these events require pre-booking (so we can ensure ratios or food requirements). Please pre-book with staff or by Facebook messenger or email tywplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk.**

**Pre-School Charity Quiz Night – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, 7.30pm  
Cornubia Upper Hall (entrance on Eastcliffe Road, opposite Spar). £5.00 per person, to include a pasty (please state cheese or steak when booking). Max six people per team. Bring your own drinks.

**Christmas Crafternoon – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, 2pm – 4pm. Come and make Christmas gifts and chat with staff. One hour slot times will be issued by email, before the event.

**Committee Meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, 7.30pm at pre-school. After we will be going to the New Inn pub at about 8.30pm, so I can say my goodbyes and thanks to all of our pre-school families and friends from the last 16+ years. All welcome.

**School Risers Nativity Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, 1.30 pm. This will be held in the Methodist chapel, opposite pre-school. School Risers families welcome. There is no pre-school on this afternoon for non-school risers.

**Children's Christmas Dinner – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, £1.50 donation please (no payment required for funded two year olds). No packed lunches required on this day.

**Last 'normal' pre-school day – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Party – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, 10.00am – 11.30am at Tywardreath Village Hall. All children welcome.

Thank you for all your kind words of support following the announcement of my departure and relocation. We are well underway with the new staff recruitment process and as soon as we have any news, we will make an announcement to let you know. The existing staff and committee have expressed strong interests in keeping the same ethos, particularly learning through play opportunities and the broad outdoor experiences, which we are so well known for in the community.

Best regards,

*Sarah O'Keefe* 

Setting manager and SENDCo

