



Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find Christmas event dates as below. Understandably, not our usual events this year, but we will do our best to make everything as special as we can for the children, under the circumstances. We will still be practicing and performing Christmas songs. We will video the children singing and put the videos on Tapestry, for you to enjoy.

Important Dates

Thursday 10th December – Children’s Christmas Dinner – 12 noon, £1.50, please let a member of staff know and make payment by Tuesday 8th December if your child would like Christmas dinner ‘Pre-School style’!

Friday 11th December – Christmas Party – 10.30am – 12noon. This will include a socially distanced outdoor visit to us from Father Christmas! If your child does not usually attend on a Friday morning they are welcome to attend, please book with staff on the door or by email to tywplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk

Friday 18th December – Last day of term

Monday 11th January 2021 – Spring term starts (please note, we start term a little later than most schools, due to our nursery funding only covering 10 weeks).

Topics – For December, our theme is Nativity and Christmas through creativity. In December, our Mathematical focus from the Early Years Foundation Stage is ‘Number’. We are exploring the language of quantity, such as: more, less, give me one, give me two, counting in sequence, first 1 to 10 and from 10 to 0. Please consider supporting our maths topics at home when you chat with your pre-schooler, by adding mathematical vocabulary to everyday conversations or sharing number songs. Our other Early Year Foundation Stage focus this month is expression and enjoyment of Christmas through stories and songs. Jingle Bells is a favourite!

Fees – Please accept this as notice that we have reviewed our session fees and there will be an increase from January 2021. A session (morning or afternoon) will be £12.00. Lunch club, 1200 – 12.30, will remain at £2.00.

Children’ Targets – We are trying to speak with all our parents and carers to find out what their child is currently enjoying at home and if there is any targets you would prefer us to work on with you for your child. Targets can be based on your child’s interests or what you feel might help them on their learning journey. Please also feel free to ring us at anytime for a chat over the phone. We would also welcome you to add updates to your child’s Tapestry account, this can be any news or activity enjoyed, especially over Christmas!

Self-Isolation Reminder - If we have a confirmed case of coronavirus, the legal protocol is that all children that attend pre-school will have to self-isolate for two weeks. This is because we are in one whole pre-school bubble. No one else in the child’s household will have to self-isolate, unless your pre-school child develops coronavirus symptoms, or tests positive for COVID-19. This means, if we were to get a confirmed case of coronavirus on the last week of term, all children will have to self-isolate for two weeks from the date of the confirmed case. You may wish to consider if you wish your child to attend pre-school on the last week of term and risk self-isolation over Christmas.

Christmas Cards – If your child would like to bring in Christmas cards for their friends, please can they be in by Friday 11th December, so we can sort and quarantine them before the end of term. If you are not sure of the names of the children who your child might like to send cards to, please bring in signed cards in envelopes and we can help your child write the names on the envelopes at pre-school, ready to give out.

Kind regards



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