



Strathfoyle Nursery School

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December
2022
Newsletter



Welcome to December's newsletter. This is always a busy, but enjoyable month with plenty of exciting things going on in Nursery. We are launching our new website today and continue to develop it, adding school information as time goes on. Enjoy reviewing the photographs of recent events in school and upcoming Christmas festivity photos, as anticipations and excitement grows.

Thank you for taking time to enjoy special reading time with your child and reflect on their early language and reading development. **Story bags need to come back to nursery by every Friday or Monday at the latest and your child will receive a new one at the beginning of the week.** All story bags will be collected on Friday 16th December and given out again in the new term. Please return Getting Ready to Learn Questionnaires on Monday please— info sent Friday 25/11/22

This is the time of year when children are prone to sickness. Please only send your child to Nursery if they are feeling well. Nursery will not be enjoyable for them if they are feeling unwell. I would like to thank all parents for taking the time to telephone school if your child is absent.

Dates for your Diary

8th December—Christmas jumper/dinner day

15th December—Nativity Play Ms Fox Parents are. 9:50am. Mr Craig's Parents 12:50 pm
(See letter for arr.- this was sent out Thursday 24/11/22)

16th December—Parky The Magician School dinner money to be paid as usual as children are having a picnic lunch. Thank you
20th December—Mini Professor Santa Session

21st December—Last day of School School finishes for everybody at 12 Noon and children will be having dinner on that day



Application forms for the Nursery School (Sept 2023) will be available online from Tues 10th Jan 2023. If you or someone you know has a child of Nursery School age please advise them to check the EA website for the new arrangements. The nursery will be contacting parents who have registered their interest. The closing date for online applications—**Noon Friday 27th January 2023.**

Applications for Primary school (Sept 2023 are also available online and 12 Noon Friday 27th January 2023.

Open afternoon for new prospective new parents at SNS—Wed 11 Jan 2023 from 2pm-4pm



We would like all children to wear a warm coat to school every day as we try to go outdoors most days. Please check that your child's name is on their coats, shoes, sweatshirts etc. As the weather turns colder please continue to hold your child's hand when arriving and leaving SNS—Jack Frost is on his way.

In the spirit of giving and receiving this Christmas, we kindly ask that parents refrain from bringing presents for staff. SNS community will be supporting EA Family Appeal and ask for a small donation from each family on our Christmas jumper/dinner day on 8th December 2022.



Key Vocabulary

Christmas—presents, gifts, The Christmas Story, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, Shepherds, wise men, donkey, Christmas Tree, decorations, Santa stockings.

Winter—frost, snow, ice, cold, freezing, slippery, icy, melting, sparkling, glittering, blizzard, softly,

Skills and Attributes being developed this month

PSED—I am trying hard to build on my play skills, interact with my friends.

-Table top—learn to focus on and complete a task

-LD—Attention and listening—following instructions—become familiar with Christmas vocabulary and first Christmas story

-The Arts—learning Christmas songs and exploring percussion instruments, taking on a role.

-EME—explore colour and shape

-Use my early Maths language in play—size/positional

This is how you can help me....

-Talk with me about key Christmas and Winter vocabulary

-Share a story with me and encourage me to take turns as I turn the pages

-Look at patterns, shape and colour on wrapping paper—design your on blank strips

-Explore wrapped presents—use size language to describe them

-Take two presents—talk about comparisons between each one

-Let me help you with any outdoor garden jobs

-Remind me to hold your hand to and from SNS

Some Suggested ideas for Santa to bring your child

Jigsaws
Book

Colouring books and pencils
Building blocks
Board games—Orchard Toys brand
Matching games
Scissors and glue
A timer (to help with sharing)



Celebrate Christmas safely

December

Child Safety Tips

Ensure all Christmas lighting is switched off before leaving the house or going to bed

Burn candles in a suitable secure holder. Keep children away lighted candles and extinguish properly before going to bed

Fit a smoke detector upstairs and downstairs, and check batteries every Monday.



Ms Fox and staff would like to thank you for your support this term and wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 5th January 2023