

# SUFFIELD PARK NURSERY NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas



Christmas is fast-approaching we would like to inform you of some exciting events that will be happening at Nursery over the festive period!

### Christmas Decoration Making

During the week beginning 3rd December parents/carers/relatives are warmly invited to attend Christmas Decoration Making Sessions with their child. There will be the opportunity to create some beautiful decorations together- the children love it when they can share the fun things they do at Nursery with their family so please do try and come along. As always, don't worry if your child doesn't attend Nursery on the session days/times; you can still come along, we will just need you to stay with them. Please 'sign up' on the sheets in the Nursery nearer the time to indicate when you will be coming. The sessions will be held on:

-  Monday 3rd December at 2.45pm
-  Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9am
-  Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9am
-  Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm

### The Rock Pool (Baby Room) Christmas Party

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30-2.45pm

We will be holding a Christmas party in the Children's Centre (downstairs) for The Rock Pool children. If your child does not attend Nursery on a Monday afternoon we would love you to bring them in for the party- we would need you to remain with them. Please let Cath know if you can come.

### The Rock Pool and The Coral Reef (2 Year Old Room) Christmas Sing-a-long

We would like to invite the parents and families of children in The Rock Pool and The Coral Reef to join us at Nursery for festive singing and action rhymes on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm (after The Rock Pool party) and on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 11.15am. Please sign up on the sheets upstairs in the Nursery nearer the time to let us know if you can come, as always please don't worry if your child doesn't attend Nursery at these times, you are welcome to bring them in as long as you can stay to watch.

### Christmas Dinner

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Dinner will be available for those children who already attend the lunchtime session and have booked it with Kerry Lewis.

### **The Deep Blue Sea (3-4 Year Old Room) Performance**

The children will begin practising songs for their Christmas performance in the coming weeks and we know they will be excited to perform these for you! The children are very welcome to dress up in Nativity costumes or party clothes for the performances- please don't worry about this though as all children will make hats to wear. You are warmly invited to come and watch them perform- please sign up on the sheets upstairs in the Nursery near the time for this, space is limited. The dates/times are as follows:

- Thursday 13th December, 2.30pm
- Friday 14th December, 11am
- Monday 17th December, 2.30pm

You may bring your child in for one of the performances if they do not attend Nursery at these times, we will need to you stay and watch in this instance.



### **Christmas Singing and Story in the Woods- (Deep Blue Sea Children Only- 3-4 year olds)**

If your child attends Nursery on a Monday afternoon you are invited to join us on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm for a story and some Christmas singing around the fire in the woods to mark the end of this terms woodland learning sessions. We will need to cancel this event if the weather is poor; we will contact you on the day if this is the case.

### **The Coral Reef and The Deep Blue Sea Christmas Parties**

The Christmas Parties will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am and 1pm. If your child attends Nursery on a Tuesday they will be allocated to one of the parties. If your child does not attend on a Tuesday they will be invited to attend one of the parties nearer the time.



### **Mobile Phones and Cameras**

Please be aware that we cannot allow mobile phones or cameras to enter an environment where the Nursery children are present due to our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. If you bring a mobile phone or camera to any of the Christmas events you will be asked to leave it with Kerry Lewis in the office. If you are unhappy with this arrangement please ensure that you do not bring you mobile phone/camera with you.



## Celebrating Progress- Parent's Evening

Our termly Parent's Evening will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 6-7pm, please look out for the sign-up sheets in the Nursery which will be available in the next few days. We ask that you remember that your time slot on this evening is for 5 minutes so if you have lengthier issues to discuss please speak to your child's key person to arrange an alternative appointment. As always, if you can't make the Parent's Evening and would like to speak to your child's key person, please let us know so that we can organise a mutually convenient appointment.



## Tapestry

We are really enjoying using Tapestry and hope you are too! Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to their child's online learning journal (39 of our 107 families have done this so far)- it is so valuable to see what they are doing at home and to be able to use the information you share when we assess the children's progress! There are still some family members who have not activated their accounts; we have manually sent reactivation emails to all those who have not activated this week so please check inboxes, including spam/junk. **If you have not received your activation email please send an email to Hayley ([hpowell3drb@nsix.org.uk](mailto:hpowell3drb@nsix.org.uk)) stating clearly the email address that is affected.**



## Woods

We are very fortunate at Suffield Park Nursery to have Kerry Whincop on our team who has achieved her Level 2 Forest Schools training and will be spending time in the woodland which adjoins our Nursery playground with the Coral Reef and Deep Blue Sea children on a regular basis. This half term the woods sessions will take place on a Monday afternoon and a Thursday morning. We know that these sessions have a positive impact on the children's development, particularly with regard to their Personal, Social and Emotional Development and their Communication and Language skills. They will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including mud painting, den building, using tools and learning about keeping safe around the fire. **We would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in volunteering to help with these sessions, just let Hayley know if you would like more information.**

Please don't be disappointed if your child doesn't get the opportunity to take part this term, we will change the day in the Spring Term. **If your child does attend on the day and time of the scheduled woods sessions it would be most useful if you could send in a pair of wellies and provide warm clothing including a hat and gloves as the weather gets cooler; we do have thermal dungarees for the children to wear during the sessions.** If you have any questions about the woods sessions please speak to Kerry Whincop or Hayley.





## Boxing Day Dip Fundraiser



A brave group of the Nursery staff will be taking part in The Boxing Day Dip in Cromer on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December. This year, the sponsor money we raise will be used to buy non-fiction books and resources to support children's communication and writing development across the whole Nursery. We would appreciate your help with raising sponsorship; we will send out sponsor forms nearer the time so that you can ask your friends and family to support us. There will be a prize for the child who raised the most sponsorship which will be presented when we return to Nursery in the New Year. Of course, any parents/carers brave enough to join us for the dip would be welcome- please let Hayley know! We would love to see you on the beach on Boxing Day!



## Term Dates

The last day of Nursery for 'term-time only' children is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. It will be open for 'all year round' children only, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

The Nursery will be closed from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. Nursery will reopen for 'all year round' and 'term-time' children on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Many thanks for your support, please ask a member of staff if any of the arrangements are unclear- we appreciate that this is an extremely busy time

Yoga, 'Downward Dog'-  
Sonny, Nathaniel and George



Jasper painting the sun  
and flowers



Amelie playing in the sand





