



NEWSLETTER - January 2019

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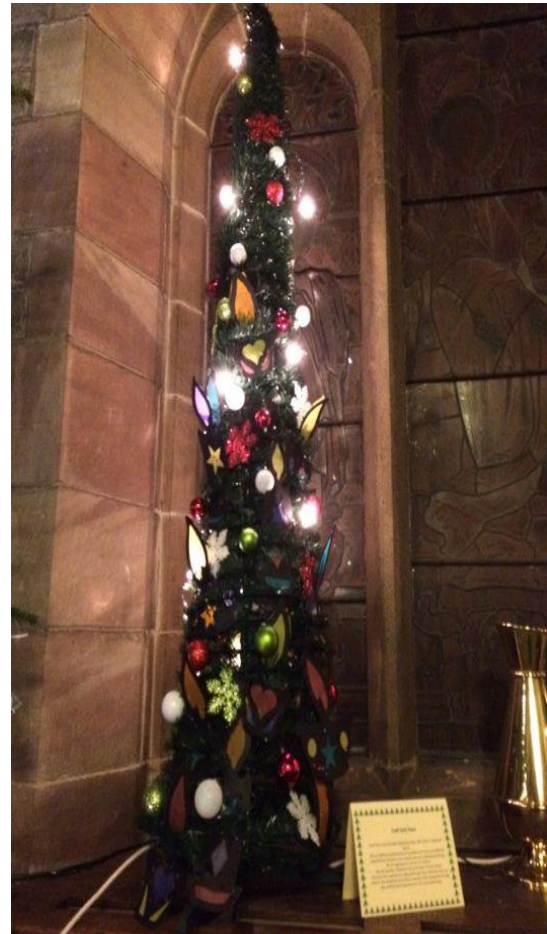
Happy New Year & Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas break with all your nearest and dearest. December was indeed our busiest month last term, with much to celebrate over Advent.

Thank you to all the children, staff and parents whose efforts and support made our Christmas Performance and Christmas party a huge success and enabled us to raise sufficient funds to be able to initiate plans for a Small Sensory Area.

Photos of these events are readily available on Tapestry, which I am glad to say the majority of our parents have now signed up to, as well as our closed Facebook page (please contact Bev if you would like to be added to this please).

Special thanks go to Kate U. for offering to help set up our exhibit at the Christmas Tree and Crib Festival at Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth. It was beautifully decorated with all the candle light silhouettes made by the children as part of our learning area focus on Hannukah, the Festival of Lights (see opposite).



Extra-curricular Activities

Forest School Unfortunately, we had insufficient interest in Forest School to be able to implement it this term. Please contact me as soon as possible if you would be interested in your child attending Forest school on alternative Fridays for an additional charge of £4.50 (price to be confirmed). We may be able implement this after half-term if we have sufficient interest this term.

Activate fun. Please contact me as soon as possible if you would be interested in your child attending a physical activity session such as Activate fun on the other alternative Fridays (still awaiting confirmation of prices). We may also be able implement this after half-term if we have sufficient interest this term.

Health and Safety

Handover Thank you for your continued support in aiming to drop-off and collect your children promptly and swiftly. It really does help in settling the children in the morning and keeping them safe; It allows us to maintain our legal obligation to comply with Ofsted's statutory adult staff to child ratios. In addition, for fire safety reasons, by minimising handover times, we are able to keep the front door as clear as possible as it is a marked fire exit.

Toys It has been lovely hearing about and seeing some of the toys the children have received over Christmas. However, given the size of some of some of them, the lack of space to store them, and also for fire safety reasons, we would kindly like to suggest children bring in a book to share at circle time instead. Thank you in advance for your understanding with this matter.



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New Beginnings

New starters Welcome to all our new starters this term. They are settling in beautifully into our setting. If you have not done so already, please bring with them a pair of labelled wellies for outdoor use, and a pair of slippers / pumps / plimsolls for indoor use.

Maternity leave I would like to inform you that Kate V. is planning to go on maternity leave at the end of this half-term. We will be informing her Keychildren's parents of the handover of Keyperson responsibilities in due course

Change of Schedule Request Form I would like to remind parents that a change of request form is required to be filled out at least 14 days' in advance of a change request. An email will then be sent to confirm any changes.

May I take this opportunity to inform you that we are now full on most days, so any future requests may be put on a waiting list between now until the end of the year.

To those parents who would like to continue to place their child in our setting in September, I strongly suggest this form is completed as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.

30 hours' funding I would like to remind parents that eligibility codes need to be submitted in the final month of each term for the following term's funding. Failure to do so may result in funding not being allocated the following term.

Diary dates

3/1/10 Preschool re-opens
4/1/19 World Braille Day
5/1/19 National Bird Day
6/1/19 Epiphany
8/1/19 Bubble Bath Day
13/1/19 National Sticker Day
15/1/19 National Hat Day
20/1/19 World Religion Day
21/1/19 Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day) Jewish Hol.
23/1/19 National Handwriting Day
25/1/19 Burns' Night
26/1/19 National Storytelling Week*
28/1/19 Australia Day
5/2/19 Chinese New Year - Pig
14/2/19 Valentine's Day
15/2/19 End of Term

Diary dates

25/2/2019 Preschool re-opens
1/3/19 St. David's Day
5/3/19 Shrove Tuesday
7/3/19 World Book Day*
9/3/19 British Science Week
18/3/19 St Patrick's Day
31/3/19 Mothering Sunday
5/4/19 End of Term
19/4/19 Easter Weekend
24/4/19 Preschool re-opens

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation, Penny.