



## November and December 2016

Welcome back after the half term break, we hope it was a good time for you and your families.

### **It's the countdown to Christmas!!**

We will be having lots of fun in the lead up to Christmas, with many events planned. There are some key dates for your diary which are listed in this newsletter – so make sure you pop them all in your diary!

This term, we will be celebrating Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night and remembering Armistice Day. We will also begin to look ahead to Christmas and our activities will have a 'Christmassy' feel. We will be looking at Winter, Snow and Ice and we will have an emphasis on developing writing skills, number skills and developing knowledge on colours and shapes.

**Personal, Social and Emotional** – We will be looking at ways to keep warm and how this is different around the world. We will be discussing the dangers as well as the fun of snow and ice and look at pictures of snowflakes and discuss how they are all unique – like us!

**Communication and Language** – We really enjoy circle time at pre-school, so our focus for circle time this term is talking about festivals and how our families celebrate them. We will also be continuing with our phonics and our "Good Morning/Hello" songs.

**Physical** – We will be practicing fine motor skills to help develop the pincer grip to aid writing. We will also be dancing to Christmas/Winter songs, including 'Walking In the Air' from the snowman and dancing like a snowflake!

**Expressive arts and design-** We will be having a range of Christmas/Winter craft activities throughout this term, including making a snowflake and Christmas cards.

**We need to change our interest table. Please can you bring in anything which you think is relevant to our theme, and the children can discuss this during circle time and it can be displayed on our topic table. Thank you.**

Can we please remind you, that children need to have indoor shoes or slippers. When we have been outside the children need to have indoor shoes to keep their feet warm and dry.

### **Panto**

The pantomime is booked for 8<sup>th</sup> December. You should have all received your permission slip for this. We are still waiting for some to be returned. Please can we have the slips and all monies in before 11<sup>th</sup> November.

The coach will be picking us up from pre-school at 9am, so please make sure that you arrive in plenty of time. The pantomime is at the Stockport Plaza and begins at 10.30. We will then return to pre-school where you can collect your child at 3pm.

### **Christmas Party**

We are combining Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party Day together this year, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Our Christmas Party will begin at 1.30pm and end at 3pm. If your child does not normally attend on a Friday, then please speak to Kathrine or Sue if you would like

to book the extra session.  
There will also be a very special visitor coming to visit....

### **Christmas Fayre**

We are doing our annual Marks and Spencer Christmas hamper this year which will be raffled off at the school fayre. We kindly ask that you donate an item off the list which is in pre-school, which will be added to the hamper to create a wonderful raffle prize.

Can we please have all donations in by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### **Wrap-around Care**



We have a new menu for the winter season consisting of hot dogs, soup, pasta and pizza. Please remember that this is only a snack size portion and should not be treated as a main evening meal.

Can we also please remind you that the Breakfast club is 07.30 until 08.45 and the After School Club is 15.15 until 18.00. If you have booked a session for either of these clubs and you wish to cancel, please provide **24 hours' notice**, otherwise a full session charge will be incurred. Places are only limited to 24 children for each club, and we regularly have to deny places.

**Please can you make sure that fees are paid promptly. Failure to do this will result in your child's place being suspended. Invoices will go out in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the new month. If payment has not been received by the end of that month, your child's place will not be secured for the following month. This is taking place with immediate effect, therefore any outstanding debt owed from November, will not secure the place for December.**

### **Little bits and bobs from us...**

Nina's Pre-school we love to hear about

anything exciting that your child has done at home, you can either tell us in person, email, or write a little note.

It is with great sadness that Becky Ditcher will be leaving us on 9<sup>th</sup> December, due to university commitments. Becky has worked at the After School Club and also helped out with pre-school during her time here and she has been proven to be a fantastic member of the team. Staff and children will miss her greatly, but we wish her well in her university degree – she will make a wonderful teacher, as I'm sure you will all agree. I am sure you will join us in wishing Becky well for the future.

**PLEASE COULD WE ASK PARENTS FOR AN EMAIL ADDRESS TO SEND OUT ELECTRONIC INFORMATION!!**

#### **Dates to remember:**

- **5<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire Night**
- **11<sup>th</sup> November – Armistice Day**
- **17<sup>th</sup> November – Pre-school photographs with Steve**
- **18<sup>th</sup> November – Children In Need**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Fayre at School**
- **8<sup>th</sup> December – Panto at the Plaza**
- **16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party**
- **23<sup>rd</sup> December - Last day of term**
- **24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve**
- **25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**
- **9<sup>th</sup> January – In Service Day**
- **10<sup>th</sup> January – Pre-school reopens**