



ST VINCENT'S PARENT NEWSLETTER

15th December 2017



PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

This week in Pre School the children have been estimating how many presents are under the Challenge Table Christmas tree. We have been creating our own reindeers using play dough, googly eyes, pompoms and pipe cleaners. We have also been making special reindeer food using flour, oats and glitter to sprinkle outside on Christmas Eve to guide Father Christmas to our homes. We have been practising our writing skills by creating our own seasonal calendar labels. The children have had great fun exploring our winter themed tuff tray and have been busy at work in the 'North Pole' exploring Santa's Grotto. **Teacher Time-** this week we have been using our estimating skills. We have been estimating how many presents have been 'delivered' under the Christmas tree. Every child had the opportunity to estimate how many presents were under the tree. We have also been estimating how many boys and how many girls are sat on the carpet each day and they all became very confident at thinking of a good estimate.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 19th December- Christmas Party 1pm-4pm (all children are invited in on this day).
- 21st December- Nursery closes for Term Time children.
- 22nd December- Nursery closes for Wrap children.
- 2nd January- Nursery opens for Wrap children.
- 3rd January- Nursery opens for Term Time children.



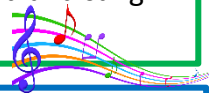
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday 19th December is the day of our Christmas Party. It starts at **1pm** and we hope you can all make it. If your child is not normally in on a Tuesday, we would love them to join us between **1pm-4pm**. There will be party games, Pop Up Polly (child entertainer) will be here to entertain us, a party tea will be served and of course we are also hoping that Father Christmas will find time in his busy schedule to pop in and see us.



EARLY LEARNERS' ACTIVITIES

This week in the Early Learners we have continued with Christmas activities. The children also had a chance to explore the frost and snow on Tuesday. We brought some of the ice and snow inside to observe what happens. The Yoga session this week showed that the children are advancing in their yoga movements, with fantastic balance when in the 'tree' position and great coordination when jumping from side to side. The dough area has been a big hit this week and the children have enjoyed creating their own snowmen, rolling big and small balls for a head and body and adding different pieces for the face and arms. Well done to all of our children who took part in our Christmas Carol singing on Wednesday, you have all been practising so hard and sang beautifully.



YOUNG EXPLORERS' ACTIVITIES

This week the Young Explorers have loved continuing with their Christmas themed activities. The children have enjoyed taking part in lots of different crafts, including making Christmas wreaths and stockings using lots of different materials. We have also loved exploring our 'Christmas soup' in the water area with cinnamon, orange and pieces of a Christmas tree, the children had great fun using the wooden spoons to mix it altogether. The winter wonderland themed tuff tray had been a big hit again this week, with igloos, snow and lots of artic animals to explore with. The children have had great fun learning lots of Christmas songs during Circle Time with their favourite being Jingle Bells.



GOOD LUCK JOSH

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to Josh, our Pre School Teacher who will be leaving the nursery next week. We are sure you all will agree that Josh will be sadly missed. We wish him all the best for the future in his new adventure.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

This is our last update of 2017. We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

