



## WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – 8 DECEMBER 2014

### Messages

We have a busy and fun filled week ahead and we are looking forward to sharing some of these exciting activities with parents.

### Upcoming Events:

- **Wednesday 10 December** – PN & NUR Christmas Concert 9.30-10.30am. Do remember to send in red and/or green clothes in a labeled bag by the end of the week. Thank you.
- **Thursday 11 December** – Christmas Party 9.15am – 10.15am. Children may come to school wearing their party clothes, but do remember that there will be lots of painting and gluing activities, so clothes should be practical. All parents are welcome to join in with our Christmas party.



Thank you very much to all the parents who have been busily making preparations and decorations for the parties and the Christmas lunch – we are already beginning to feel very festive!

### Learning Theme

We will continue to focus on the celebration of Christmas, and this week we will talk about Christmas Trees. We will discuss the tradition of the Christmas Tree and encourage children to share their experiences of decorating a tree.

We will also be focussing on preparing for our concert on Wednesday, when we shall be singing some beautiful Christmas songs.

**Key vocabulary:** Tree, bauble, decoration, singing, practice, song, concert, voice.

### Literacy

Children will be making a Christmas card to take home, and writing their Christmas message inside. We will be encouraging the children to mark make and ascribe meaning to these marks.

**Key Vocabulary:** Card, write, name, pen, pencil.

### Communication and Language

It has been super seeing the children buying, selling and wrapping presents in the role play shop, and this provision will continue into next week.

**Key Vocabulary:** Shop, money, till, change, buy, sell, toy, wrap, wrapping paper.





**Mathematics – Shape, space and measures**

When making their Christmas cards children will be able to select from a range of coloured shapes and materials. We will encourage children to think about which shapes will be best to use to make a tree shape, and which are better for baubles. Children will have the opportunity to experiment with different ways of arranging their shapes to achieve different effects.

**Key Vocabulary:** shape, triangle, circle, paper, glue.

**Expressive Art& Design**

Children will be invited to make a decoration to take home. They will choose how to decorate it, using sequins, sparkles, glitter and collage materials.

We will be busy practising our songs in preparation for our Christmas concert next week. If you would like to practise at home with your child the following link will take you to a playlist of the songs.

[http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2WDoixBP6iXC2yBanBCSkqGzJK\\_BTi9G](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2WDoixBP6iXC2yBanBCSkqGzJK_BTi9G)

The songs are: Jingle Bells; Twinkle Twinkle Little Star; When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney, Santa Claus is coming to Town, Little Snowflake and We wish you a Merry Christmas.

Children will also be invited to help Santa by making toys in the Junk Modeling area. They will be able to construct, join and create using a range of boxes, and other materials.

**Key vocabulary:** sing, song, stick, make, box, tape, glue, attach.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

**The Pre Nursery Team**