



## Newsletter Christmas Update

We thought it would be helpful to put the details of all the Christmas, end of term, holiday and new year arrangements in one place!

**Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> December:** a set of **Christmas raffle** tickets will be in book bags this week.

A reminder to add comments and sign your child's **Learning Development Check on Tapestry**, too, please.

**Parent Questionnaire** – we have published the first of our two annual parent questionnaires. **You will receive a link to the questionnaire by email.** Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. Your replies really help shape our planning and provision. This year, we are also asking for views on the potential for the Pre-School to extend the hours we offer. Questionnaires will remain live until the beginning of next term but if you can reply by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** that would be fabulous.

### **Christmas Messy Play Day: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

We are planning to get (even more than normally) messy on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> with a Christmas/sparkly/snowy theme. If your child usually attends on a Monday, please make sure they come in wearing clothes you don't mind getting a bit mucky. We will only generally change children if they are super, super messy, wet or uncomfortable, so old clothing is recommended!

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December Coffee Morning and Raffle 10.45am – 11.15am**

The Committee are hosting a coffee morning before the Christmas concert. Cake donations welcome on the day. Raffle tickets will be on sale.

### **11.15-11.30am Christmas Concert**

...in the Pre-School hall. Everyone welcome. If your child does not normally attend on a Thursday they are welcome to come in – at **9.00am** as usual, please. No special outfits required, but if your child wants to wear something Christmassy, that's great. Please don't buy anything new and

we have plenty of Christmas dressing up at Pre-School too.

All family members welcome. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the concert and the Pre-School session will finish at 12 noon. If you attend the concert and wish to take your child earlier, that is fine.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas party**

During normal session times. All children welcome, including if they do not normally attend on a Friday. Please try to be prompt at **9.00am** as we are expecting a Very Special Visitor. Children can come dressed in party gear, if they wish.

**Shout out for Christmas paper plates and paper cups**, please. Staff will sort out the party food.

### **Holiday Resources and Activities**

We will publish some ideas and activities to keep your little one busy over the holiday. Activities will be published on Tapestry and on Twinkl Go. The Twinkl Go passcode is: **IB2908** [Online Educational Resources | Twinkl Go! - Twinkl](#) Activities will be available from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

A reminder that you can upload pictures, videos and comments to your child's Tapestry Journal. We love seeing what you've been up to over the holidays and being able to share the experiences with your child when they return to Pre-School.

Another reminder: the closing date for applications to start school (Reception) in September 2023 is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. If you need any help with your application to school, please speak to staff.

**Spring Term starts:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 9.00am

Until then, we wish you, your families and all the Pre-School friends and community a very Merry Christmas and a delight-filled New Year.

### **Keeping in Touch:**

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