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St Elizabeth's Primary & Nursery School

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Enjoyment

Nursery Newsletter 3, Nov 2018

Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our November newsletter – the days are getting much chillier now, the leaves are falling (as you can see every day in our playground!) and the countdown is beginning for Christmas! As usual, our children will have the opportunity to be outside every day regardless of the weather and we greatly appreciate your support in helping to ensure they are appropriately dressed. Please ensure your child has a spare change of clothes in his/her bag please in the event they may need to be changed during the nursery session. Please read on for further update about our nursery...

Nursery Staff

- We warmly welcome Debbie Hillman, Mary Ann Whittaker and Carole Lawson to our team. Carole will be the job share partner for Anne and will be in our 2-3 room for this session, Debbie will be full time in our 2-3 room and Mary Ann will be working part time in our 3-5 room. It is lovely to have them join us and we hope they have a long and happy career with us in St Elizabeth's
- We have several students on placement with us now and you will see them with us for 2 days each week. The girls are settling well in to our nursery and we hope they have a successful year ahead.

Nursery Times

- Thank you for ensuring your child is with us on time each morning - this all helps with the settling in routine and them hearing about what is happening in the nursery each day. We also finish at 2.45pm and we would be grateful if your child can remain in nursery with us until that time. Whilst we understand there may be a need to remove them early if they have an appointment, this can be quite disruptive for their learning and we would ask that you try your best to limit this. Children need to be collected at 2.45pm as our staff are involved in staff development work from that time until 4pm each day and so are not available to supervise children. If you are held up for any reason, please phone our nursery office on 286270 to let us know. Whilst we fully understand there may be an occasion where you are held up or delayed, we appreciate a prompt collection to allow our staff to undertake further team work from 2.45-4pm. Thank you very much for your co-operation with this.

Information Evening/Meetings

- We are having an information session for the parents in our 2-3 room whose children are moving to our 3-5 room in January. This will be held on Thursday 22nd November from 3-4pm.

Nursery Snack money

- Many thanks to parents who make this donation regularly. If you have any difficulty in paying snack money, please speak to Amanda in our office. Snack money is used to buy weekly snack for all of our children, as well as party food, prizes, presents, games and toys, replace items that are lost or broken, etc. We currently have £34 in our Nursery Fund which means we are currently very tight for money. Each week, we would like to receive £2.50 per child. If you have not already done so, would you please hand your donation in to nursery, or pop it in the little money wallet in our nursery corridor. Your support with this makes a massive difference to us and we greatly appreciate it. Thank you so much for your help.

Procedures

- Please note you may receive a text or a phone call if your child is absent from nursery if you have not already been in touch. Keeping us updated about any absences, appointments, etc all helps us to know more about your child and we greatly appreciate your support with this.

Fundraising

- Our sponsored reading event, courtesy of Usborne Books, has raised an amazing £560 so far! This is just terrific and we are overwhelmed by your generosity towards this event. However, we are £40 short of our target of £600 which means we will not qualify for the additional 40% the company would donate to us to buy books. If anyone has any sponsor money still to be handed in would you please do so as soon as possible as we need to send our total away by Tuesday 13th Nov. If anyone would like to make a further donation to help us reach our target that would be wonderful and greatly appreciated! Thank you for all your support.

Can you help?

- Thank you for donations of cushions we received. We are now turning our thoughts to Christmas and would be delighted if you were able to help with Raffle and/or Hamper donations. It would also help our nursery if you were able to donate a small goodie for our Christmas Parties. Please see further letters attached for more information. There is also an information list on the wall outside our Nursery Office.
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help within our nursery...we will be in touch with you very soon.
- Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 11th Dec. Lunch menu is attached. (please ignore the printed date on the menu!).

Christmas Cards

- Talking of Christmas, our Christmas Card templates have arrived from the Print Room. If you would like your child to complete one of these please feel free to do this with them at home and return to nursery by Fri 16th Nov, or earlier, as we will then be sending our nursery order back to the Print Room to ensure we receive the cards promptly for you.

Security

- In order to keep all our children safe within our grounds, the main gates are now closed over. The car park gate is shut at 9am and the entrance gate is closed from 9.15am. If you enter or leave our premises out with these times, would you please help us by ensuring gates are closed behind you.

Christmas Information

Our pre-school children have begun rehearsing for our Nativity show and Carol Singing and so far ... so good! The children will be performing their Nativity on Friday 7th Dec at 10am. Our anti-pre-school children will be entertaining us with beautiful carol singing at 1.45pm on the afternoon of Friday 7th Dec. Tickets for each of these events are now on sale and are priced **£1.50 per ticket**. Your ticket includes entry to the Christmas Hamper Draw. We have to limit the number of tickets to 4 per child at this stage, there may be some spare tickets depending on uptake so, if you would like more, please indicate this on the sheet. Please return the sheet to nursery as soon as possible, with payment (only for the maximum of 4 at this stage).

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas Parties will be taking place on Friday 14th December and we will be partying the day away! We will have a special visitor planning to halt his Christmas Toy making and make a flying visit to us at 1.30pm and everyone is welcome to come along to see the children receiving a Christmas Gift. Any donations of goodies for our Parties (such as crisps, diluting juice, sweets, chocolate, small fairy cakes, napkins, etc) or Hamper (crackers, Christmas cake, mince pies, shortbread, chocolates, mulled wine) would be just wonderful ... thank you for your generosity with any of this.



And finally...

*Please remember Monday 19th Nov is an in-service day – nursery closed that day.

*We would like to e-mail our newsletter to you in order to help make it easier for everyone. Please provide an email address below if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically. Please return the tear-off slip by Friday 16th Nov to the nursery office.

Thank you everyone.

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Email Information

Child's Name (please print) _____

Your Name (please print) _____

Email Address _____

Please return to nursery by Fri 16th Nov. Thank you.