



**Newsletter Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

18 days until Christmas Day!

This week has been chilly outside and frosty inside with our Winter Wonderland theme. We've dug out the Christmas decorations and made the preschool look very festive. The children have enjoyed riding Santa's sleigh, counting out snowman buttons, wrapping Christmas presents, playing with sensory 'snow', running the hot chocolate café, making gingerbread playdoh people and so much more!

On Wednesday, Susan Blandford, who is a friend of Joan's, came and showed the children her musical instruments. She brought with her 3 different saxophones and 2 different recorders. All the children got to sing some nursery rhymes and Christmas songs whilst she played. They enjoyed listening to the different sounds and how the pitch changes between the 'baby, mummy and daddy' saxophones. What a lovely Treat!

Then on Thursday, we were invited into the Church to make a Christingle. The children learnt that for Christians the orange symbolises the World, the red ribbon symbolises God's love for the World, the 4 sticks symbolise 4 corners of the world, the raisins symbolise God's creations and the candle represent God's light shining bright over us all. We practised a couple of our Christmas songs and said a big thank you to the volunteers from the Church.



**NAMED CARRIER BAG**

Please bring a named carrier bag to preschool on your child's first day next week. We will be sending children home with their costumes. Please can children arrive on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> dressed in their costumes. Those staying for the full day, will need a change of clothes.



**Christmas Party**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

All Children Welcome

If it's an extra day: 9:20am – 12:15pm

Bouncy Castle and Soft Play

Come in Party Clothes

We'll provide a Christmas Snack

(Still open for normal session and bring packed lunch as normal)



**Important Dates**

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Party (Children only)</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Event (Parents invited)</b>

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Spring Term Starts
HALF TERM - Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Finish for Easter



**Christmas Celebrations**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – All children and families are invited for our Christmas 'singalong' in the Church and Mince Pie and Mingle for parents and children in the main hall. No costumes necessary as we have plenty.

9.00am – All children dropped at the preschool (Parents leave and come back)

9:30am – Performance start in the Church (NO HOT DRINKS PLEASE)

10:00am – 11:30am Mince Pie and Mingle in the hall **MAX 2 adults per child.**

We are planning to set up a variety of craft activities that you can enjoy with your children, while you join us for some mulled wine and a mince pie.