



## January 2022 Newsletter

Happy New Year to everyone and we trust you all enjoyed a peaceful and healthy Covid free Christmas holiday. Please remain vigilant, and follow our Covid mitigation of wearing face masks, one way systems and hand sanitising. For track and trace purposes please keep your class teacher informed of any Covid related incidents, and any changes to your mobile telephone numbers or home contact addresses.

We are using a more straight forward layout to our Newsletter to help reading it on mobile devices more user friendly. We trust this helps.

### Memories of Christmas.

We tried to provide the children with as traditional a Christmas experience as possible and a huge thank you for Mrs McMullan for her ICT skills and sharing "Virtual Santa" messages via Tapestry for the children. May we encourage you to send a photograph either via Tapestry or with your child in the new term of their Christmas walk, sharing a Christmas story, or their favourite gift from Santa. This will help the teachers engage in meaningful show and tell language experiences during small and whole group times.

May we ask for any volunteers who enjoy needlework to help repair some Nativity dressing up costumes. Please let your class teacher know if you can help.

### Christmas Jumper Day and Woman's Aid.

Thank you for your support of Christmas Jumper Day which raised £68.50 for Save the Children Charity and for your most beautiful and generous Christmas gifts for Woman's aid.

### Open enrolment 2022/23.

Please complete your on line applications for Nursery and Primary school between 10<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### Winter Time and feeding the birds.

Please ensure the children bring warm coats and hats to nursery school for outdoor play. Scarves are not permitted and hats that require fastening under your child's chin will not be fastened in Nursery, to avoid potential choking hazards. We encourage the children to feed the birds in Winter in preparation for our RSPB "Big garden bird watch". The children enjoy this activity and you may send dried fruit, bird seed, bread or apples with your child. No nuts please due to nut allergies.

### School Fund Money.

January monthly school fund of £20 is now due.

### Focus for learning in January

We will continue to deliver our recovery curriculum with a focus of interest in seasonal changes of winter, snow, ice, temperature changes of hot and cold, freezing and melting, feeding the birds and caring for pets.

### Areas of Learning and Child Development.

For your information: Please copy and paste the following link to view a very interesting leaflet "The Road to Reading".

<https://www.early-education.org.uk/road-reading>

### Partnership with Mid and East Antrim Borough Council "Good relations"

We are grateful to our local Council for providing funding for a professional drama and Storytelling group to visit Nursery on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January for the morning classes and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January for the afternoon classes, to promote good relations and celebrate diversity. The Council have also invited Ballymena Nursery School to engage via virtual platforms "Playful Museums" during 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February. More details to follow.

