



December Newsletter

December is a very busy month at Nursery.
We have lots of dates for your diary as there is so
much happening before our Christmas holidays!

Nursery Christmas Performance

Our Christmas performance will take place on Friday 6th
December at 11am in the school Assembly Hall.
Please continue to practise singing the songs and rhymes at
home.

On this day Nursery will begin at the normal time 8:45am.
The children will have their snack and then we will get
dressed in our costumes for our production.

Doors to the Assembly Hall will open at 10:30am.

Tea and coffee will be served on arrival.
Everyone is welcome to come along.
The performance will last about 20 minutes.
Nursery Staff will help the children to change out of their
costumes when the production is over.
Children will go home immediately after the
performance.

There will be no school dinners on this day.

School dinners cost £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.

The children are really enjoying their dinner in Nursery and enjoy being a 'dinner helper' too. We encourage the children to help serve the dinners to their friends and talk about the variety of foods on offer each day.

Christmas dinner will be served on Tuesday 17th December.

For our Christmas Dinner we will be serving Roast Turkey, cocktail sausages, stuffing, roast and mashed potatoes with vegetables.

For pudding we will have ice cream.

We will visit the school canteen for our Christmas dinner and have some Christmas crackers to pull with our friends in Nursery.

JO JINGLES CLASSES

The children are really enjoying our Jo Jingles Classes and Jo will continue to visit us on the following dates:

Friday 13th Dec

Friday 10th Jan

Friday 17th Jan

Friday 24th Jan

Friday 31st Jan

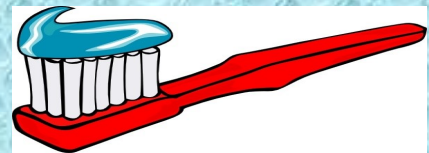
Friday 7th Feb

Friday 14th Feb

Please collect your child from the Assembly Hall between 1:00pm and 1:15pm each Friday.

We will begin brushing our teeth every day in nursery after the Christmas holidays.

Please return the reply slip to nursery as soon as possible so that your child can take part in this activity during our daily routine.



On Monday 16th December Santa on Tour will arrive in his bus to visit the Nursery children as a special treat. Each child will visit Santa in his bus and receive a present. We will accompany the children into the bus and take their photograph.

Santa will also call into Nursery to visit all the children before he leaves.

Christmas Cards

At this time of year children always enjoy giving Christmas cards to their friends in Nursery. If you wish to send in cards we will help your child to put them into their friends' pouch in the Nursery foyer. Please send in **SMALL** cards as there is not much room in the pouches.

Here is a list of names to help you.

GIRLS	
AMY	LEXIE
ANNABELLE	LUCIA
AOIBHÉANN	NIAMH
CHLOE	PAIGE
CLODAGH	RAYA
ELLA	ROBYN
GEORGIA	RUBIE
KIMBERLEY	SARAH
WILLOW	

BOYS	
ALFIE	MALACHY
CONOR	OLLY
DANIEL	THOMAS
ELIJAH	ZACHARIAH
KAI	

Christmas Presents

Every year Nursery staff really appreciate the generosity of parents at Christmas time.

As we have several members of Nursery staff this year we would prefer if parents **DO NOT** buy presents for staff. We would prefer if you used the 'Sponsored songs and rhymes' to make a small donation to Nursery rather than buying Christmas presents for staff. The money raised through 'Sponsored songs and rhymes' will help us to purchase more play resources for the children.

Ballykelly Buzz

Our school magazine 'Ballykelly Buzz' will be available after the Christmas holidays. This magazine celebrates everything that has happened in our school since September. Your copy will be in your child's pouch in the foyer as soon as it arrives from the printers!



TIPS FOR PARENTS

We will be looking at seasonal colours red, silver and gold. The children will experience these colours through a range of activities; from playdough to art and craft. Look out for shiny silver and shiny gold decorations at home and in school. Can you see how they sparkle and reflect the light?

ART WORK

The triangle, square and circle all feature strongly at our art table as the children create their own drawings, paintings and decorations. We will also explore all kinds of Christmas shapes e.g. stars, Christmas stockings and Santa shapes as everyone gets involved in making lovely decorations to take home. The children will be cutting and sticking, moulding, printing and modelling. Your home will look a real treat when you receive your child's lovely art work.

LITERACY

We will be writing our letters and envelopes to Santa and posting these in the post box in our Nursery Room.

We will walk to the post box to post our Christmas cards.

MUSIC

We will be listening to lots of traditional Christmas music in nursery and we hope that the children will enjoy singing along and dancing to the music. We also encourage the children to play musical instruments to accompany the music.

WINTER

We will continue to observe the changes in the weather and are beginning to anticipate the arrival of frost, ice and snow as well as the usual cold winds and rain. Our focus on winter will continue after Christmas.

WINTER WOOLIES

Please remember as the weather gets colder your child needs to bring a hat, scarf and **a pair of mittens** to nursery for outdoor play. Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on all items. Nursery children are able to put mittens on all by themselves—gloves can be tricky.

All hats, scarves and gloves should be put into the yellow boxes in the foyer. Children are able to get their own things when they are getting ready to go out to play. Please DO NOT put hats, scarves and mittens into pouches.

Mittens are best for nursery children!



December Dates

Tuesday 3rd December

OPEN NIGHT –starts at 6:30pm

Please come along with your child to visit the Primary One classrooms, meet the Primary One teachers and see the excellent range of resources on offer in Primary One.

There will be more information about online applications for Primary One available on this evening.

Friday 6th December Nursery Christmas Performance at 11am in the School Assembly Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Children will go home after the show.

There will be no Nursery dinners on this date.

Tuesday 10th December

During the Nursery day we will be going over to the school assembly hall to watch the P1-P4 performance of their Christmas Play.

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER—NURSERY CLOSED FOR ELECTION

Friday 13th December - Jo Jingles 12:30pm –1:00pm in the Assembly Hall.

Friday 13th December - P.T.A. Santa's Magical Trail 6:00pm-8:00pm

Take a magical walk in our Fishmongers' trail and visit Santa in his grotto.

Monday 16th December

We have arranged for the Santa Bus to visit Nursery. Each child will have the opportunity to visit Santa in his bus during the morning to get their Christmas present. The children will be accompanied by a member of Nursery staff and we will take their photograph.

TUESDAY 17th December

We will go to the school canteen for our Christmas dinner. Parky The Magician will entertain the children after their Christmas Dinner. **Home Time will be at the later time of 1:45pm.**

Friday 20TH December

Nursery will close at 12pm for our Christmas holidays. Children do NOT need to wear their uniform on this date. Breakfast Club and School Dinners as usual on this day.

Nursery will reopen on Monday 6th January 2020.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Many thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement throughout your child's first term at Nursery.

Hilda, Ruth & Emma

Merry Christmas