



# Steeple Nursery School 2021

## Focus 3: Christmas



### Dates for your diary

- **Friday 3rd December - Mr Hullabaloo**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day (no donation required)**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Jo Jingles**
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Last day of term - Party!**  
The children are welcome to come to school in party or festive wear for their last day. Please be aware we will be using the top playground so ensure they bring a warm coat and that their footwear is appropriate.  
Please note change of times:  
**Morning classes: 9.00am - 10.30am**  
**Afternoon classes: 11.15am - 12.45pm**  
Santa will be in his outdoor Steeple Grotto to wave and have a chat adhering to the social distancing guidelines, and hopefully he will leave a sack of presents! Unfortunately due to the current situation we are not able to invite parents to be present for the visit from Santa.
- **Promotional Video** - Please ensure you have returned your form regarding consent for your child to feature in our promotional video.  
Please ask anyone you know interested in sending their child to Steeple Nursery School next year to keep an eye on our website and our Facebook page in mid December for our promotional video featuring all our Steeple stars! Thank you
- **School holidays-**  
**Wednesday 22nd December - Monday 3rd January (inclusive)**  
**Back to School - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all those parents who received their telephone call from the class teacher during the last few weeks, we hope you found it helpful. We continue to work in partnership with you throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.



### Christmas Cards

Due to the current situation and to try and reduce the impact on our environment we are asking that the children do not exchange Christmas cards with each other through the school, as it results in a mass number of cards which are often discarded and puts some parents under unnecessary pressure. However, if your child would like to give their whole class a card it will be displayed within the classroom. We hope that you will support us with this request.

## Some Christmas songs the children will be learning

### Away in a Manger

Away in a manger,  
No crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky,  
Looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay.



### Twinkle, Twinkle

Twinkle, twinkle, Christmas lights  
Father Christmas came last night.  
Up above the snowy skies,  
Eating ice-cream and mince pies.  
Twinkle, twinkle, Christmas lights  
Father Christmas came last night.



Twinkle, twinkle, Christmas tree,  
Father Christmas came to me.  
Down the chimney with the toys,  
Woke me up with all his noise.  
Twinkle, twinkle, Christmas snow  
Father Christmas, Ho! Ho! Ho!



### I'm A Little Pine Tree

I'm a little pine tree as you can see,  
All the other pine trees are bigger than me.  
Maybe when I grow up then I'll be  
A great big merry Christmas Tree



### When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney

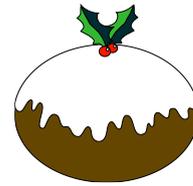
When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney  
He began to shout  
"You girls and boys won't get any toys  
If you don't pull me out!"  
"My beard is black, I've soot in my sack,  
My nose is tickly too!"  
When Santa got stuck up the chimney,  
Atchoo! Atchoo! Atchoo!



### Christmas Pudding

Christmas pudding, Christmas pudding,  
Steaming hot, steaming hot,  
Sprinkle on the sugar, sprinkle on the sugar  
Eat the lot, eat the lot.

(Tune: Frere Jacques)



### Donkey, Donkey

Donkey, donkey, don't you stop,  
Just let your feet go clip-pe-ty clop,  
Your tail goes swish and the stars go by,  
Giddy up we're in Bethlehem now.

### Jesus Soon It's Your Birthday

A long time ago a baby boy was born,  
A long time ago a baby boy was born,  
A long time ago a baby boy was born,  
And His name was Jesus.

*Chorus*

*Jesus, soon it's your birthday,  
Jesus, soon it's your birthday,  
Jesus, soon it's your birthday,  
On the twenty fifth of December.*



In the stable sat Mary and Joseph,  
In the stable sat Mary and Joseph,  
In the stable sat Mary and Joseph,  
With their baby Jesus.

*Chorus*

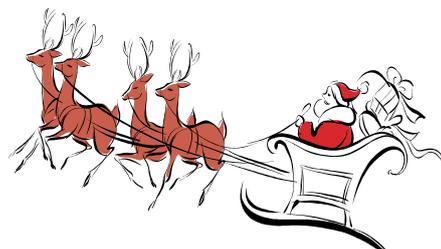
All around were shepherds and wise men,  
All around were shepherds and wise men,  
All around were shepherds and wise men,  
Came to visit Jesus.

*Chorus*



### Santa's Sleigh Ride

Santa's sleigh rides through the night,  
Underneath the stars so bright.  
Ding a ling a ling, the sleigh bells chime,  
Telling everyone its Christmas time.



## Fundraising Update

Thank you very much for all your support!

We had great fun on our 'Show Your Spots' day and raised the tremendous amount of **£623.34** for **Children In Need**.

Thank you all for your very generous donations. Well done everyone!

### Outdoor Play

We aim to be outside every day therefore it is very important that you send your child to school dressed for active outdoor play. **We recommend a warm coat, hat and shoes with a non-slip sole** (no scarves as they can be hazardous when climbing). If your child wears welly boots coming to school please ensure that they have a change of shoes to wear in the classroom. Please ensure that your child has a pair of named welly boots that stay in school. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Thank you.

### Lending Library

Each class will be introducing their Lending Library on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Each child will choose one book to take home on a Monday and return it to school by Friday at the latest. Unfortunately if a book is not returned by Friday they will be unable to choose another book the next week. This is to allow us to follow Covid safety guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Reminders

- Ensure your child's change of clothes is fully stocked (pants, socks, trousers, t-shirt)
- If your child is unwell please phone the office (028 94464151) or email [steplenursery@outlook.com](mailto:steplenursery@outlook.com) to let us know that he/she will not be in.

Your child should not be in school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms:

- A new and persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of taste or smell

Remember your child should not be in school for 48hrs after they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea.

I would like to say thank you to pupils, parents and staff for all your hard work and for helping to make the first term run so smoothly. We will continue to adhere to the routines that have been put in place to ensure our school environment is safe as it can be for everyone. Thank you to all parents and carers for wearing face masks and maintaining social distance when dropping off and picking up, and I encourage you to continue to do this.

Have a very happy, restful Christmas! We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

