



Newsletter

December 2023

Theme: Christmas Cracker

Colour: Red, Gold, Silver

Shape: Star

Prayer: Gloria

Birthdays this month: **Yellow Class:** 30th Henry

Website: www.holytrinitynurseryschoolisburn.com

We will talk to the children this month about celebrating the birth of Jesus and continue to support them with their daily prayers. We are already singing lots of Christmas Songs and Rhymes. We aim to provide outdoor play daily and would ask parents to please continue to send a coat with your child and in this cold weather a hat and gloves. We will also talk to the children about dressing suitably for the outdoors. Please continue to encourage your child to put on their own coat etc. as we are continually encouraging independence.

Christmas Event

We have a special Christmas Sing- A- Long planned for Tuesday 19th December, from 10am- 11.30am. For further details please see the flier that was sent home. This flier is also available to view on Seesaw.



Nursery Fund

Please continue to support our Nursery Fund. This money is used to buy food for the children's snack and many additional resources such as craft items for our fun days, books for Christmas for each child and books for their birthdays. Payments can be made via bank transfer or by sending in weekly in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. **Thank you for all contributions received to date.**

Community Links

Holy Trinity Nursery School has a long standing history of supporting Saint Vincent De Paul with their Annual Hamper Appeal. These hampers are distributed to local families to make their Christmas a little brighter. This year we will support SVP by collecting food that they can then make into hampers. If you are able to purchase a few non-perishable items in your next shop please leave them in the crates at the front and back of the school by Tuesday 5th December. SVP will then collect the items later the same week.

Enrolment for September 2024

Nursery School - September 2024

We will have an open day for children who will begin Nursery School in September 2023 on **Friday 12th January 2024** from 1.00pm - 3.00pm. This year's nursery children will finish at 11am on Friday 12th January to accommodate this. The online Portal for Nursery applications will open on **Tuesday 9th January at 12noon and closes on Friday 26th January at 12noon**. We will have information on our website to support parents making an application.

Primary School - September 2024

The online Portal for Primary applications will open on **Tuesday 9th January at 12noon and closes on Friday 26th January at 12noon**. We will have information on our website to support parents making an application.

Dates for
the Diary:

December Events

Tues 5 th	Saint Vincent de Paul hamper contributions deadline
Tues 19 th	Christmas Sing- A- Long (Please see flier)
Wed 20 th	Christmas Cinema Day
Thurs 21 st	Christmas Party (Children can wear Christmas Jumpers/ own clothes)
Fri 22 nd	Nursery closes for Christmas holidays at 11am



January

Tues 9 th	School reopens on Tuesday 9 th January
Fri 12 th	Open Day (Current children will finish Nursery at 11am to allow facilitation of our Open Day)



Health

If your child is ill please keep them at home until fully recovered. Nursery staff cannot give a sick child the attention they need without neglecting others and it is essential we prevent the unnecessary spread of infection. The Health Protection Agency recommends that children with vomiting or diarrhoea are kept at home for 48 hours after the last episode of illness to ensure other children are not put at risk of infection. If your child is unable to attend Nursery because of illness or any other reason please telephone to let us know and leave a message. Alternatively you can email or private message on Seesaw. Please talk to your child about the importance of washing their hands before eating and after they have used the toilet.



School Closures

At times it is necessary at short notice to close schools when we experience unprecedented severe weather. The Department of Education have produced information for parents informing them about the decision making process including health and safety issues that need to be considered by school Principals when deciding to close a school. The information is available on the NI Direct website at www.nidirect.gov.uk/schoolclosures.

In the event of a school closure parents will be sent a message via Seesaw. If you need a copy of your child's QR code please let a member of staff know.

Something to do with your child: Christmas Shortbread



8 ounces of plain flour 4 ounces of butter 2 ounces of caster sugar
Cream the caster sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add the flour and bind together.
Knead until smooth. Roll and cut with Christmas shaped pastry cutters.
Bake in the oven at 180°c for 20-25 mins.



School Holidays

Term will finish on Friday 22nd at 11am.
The Nursery will re-open again on Tuesday 9th January 2024.



Nursery Staff and Governors wish you all a peaceful and Happy Christmas
and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



The Nursery Team

Draw some decorations on the tree!

