

# EDENDERRY NURSERY SCHOOL

December 2021



It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first term of this academic year! Thank you all for the support that you have shown, particularly in recent weeks. We appreciate how difficult regulations and guidelines make school life for everyone. Hopefully we all can enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas with family and friends.

December is a busy month for everyone and life in nursery is no different. We are looking forward to celebrating this most wonderful time of the year with the children - I always feel so blessed to work in a school at this magical time. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year - I hope Santa is good to everyone!

## DATES FOR DIARY:

3rd Dec - The Daily Mile / Santa Fun Run

6th Dec - Moira Demesne Nature Rangers for N1

7th Dec - All Big Bedtime Read books should be returned for Christmas.

9th Dec - Christmas Dinner in nursery.

10th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

14th Dec - Recording of Nursery Nativity

15th Dec - Moira Demesne Nature Rangers for N2

16th Dec - FOREST SCHOOL

20th Dec - Nursery Christmas Party

21st Dec - Last day of term **SCHOOL FINISHES**

**11:30 -11:45 am.**

**5th January - BACK TO SCHOOL**

## The Daily Mile / Santa Fun Run



"Northern Ireland Does The Daily Mile Santa Run" is a virtual mass participation event across all Northern Ireland primary and early years settings. On 3rd December 2021, schools and early years settings around the country, will run / walk their Daily Mile Santa Run virtually, in an effort to raise awareness for children's mental health and wellbeing. We are looking forward to taking part in this event. Children can come to nursery wearing a SANTA HAT / REINDEER ANTLERS / ELF EARS and also don't forget your coat!

## Christmas Jumper Day.

On Friday 10th December we will join in with thousands of other people as they celebrate Christmas Jumper Day and Save the Children as they seek to 'Change the Future' for many children across the world. Everyone in nursery is invited to wear their Christmas jumper to school for the day and give a little bit of money to help make the world a better place for someone else.



£1 could buy a set of pencils to help a child write and learn, £2 could pay for antibiotics for 8 children suffering from pneumonia, one of the biggest killers of children, £20 provides a mother and newborn baby with vital supplies to keep them healthy.

## MOIRA DEMESNE NATURE RANGERS



The nature rangers will be visiting nursery on 2 separate dates in December to work outdoors with our pupils. As part of our school development plan this year we are looking at ways of supporting our pupils mental health and wellbeing, We are considering of how we can make even greater use of the outdoors and our setting here in Edenderry. As you know we are trying to make a monthly outing to a local forest, we missed this in November due to covid, and so are looking forward to this extra event this month. Pupils will need coat and hat on their day.

### Christmas Dinner.

We will be having Christmas dinner in nursery on Thursday 9th December. Children can come to school with some Christmas décor in their hair / on their head ... maybe a Santa hat / tinsel .... The more creative the better!

### Nursery Nativity.



As previously mentioned, we are hoping to record our nativity this year and send this to you to watch at home as a family. The children have been busy learning some new songs for their nativity show. We plan to record this on Tuesday 14th. Pupils should come to nursery in their costume that morning. Please do not be worrying too much about their costume - homemade ones are always adorable and as long as they bear some resemblance to their character they will be just fine!

### FOREST SCHOOL.

Our next day at Forest school will be to The Argory .Normal school drop off and collection arrangements apply. We will be travelling by bus and a picnic lunch will be provided as their school dinner that day. If possible please send your child to school in a puddle suit / weather proof trousers and coat. This month they should also wear a warm hat. They are likely to get a bit muddy and wet! We will put on their welly boots here in school. Permission form to follow online.



### Nursery Christmas Party.



Our Christmas Party will be held on Monday 20th December. We will enjoy some party food and treats. The children can wear their party clothes to nursery on the day! A big thank you to Scarlett's parents for treating the children to a "Chippy Lunch" this day - each child will receive some chicken nuggets/ cocktail sausages and chips from JP's Take Away. Dietary requirements will be catered for.

*Yours sincerely,*

Mrs. K Bovis.