



Nursery News

Autumn 2 Term November — December 2017

Welcome to the Autumn 2 Nursery Newsletter. What a busy half term we had last term—and it is only going to get busier as we run up to Christmas! We have all been delighted with how well all the children have settled in to nursery, where they all just come in and get on with their learning with smiley faces every day. We have had some amazing adventures and fabulous learning opportunities so far. We now welcome Jodi, a student from Newcastle College who is with us every Thursday and Friday.

Classroom Organisation

The classes continue to be taught by Miss Freeman and Kerry in the mornings. Then in the afternoons on

Monday: Miss Freeman and Kerry

Tuesday: Kerry and Claire

Wednesday: Miss Freeman and Kerry

Thursday: Miss Freeman and Claire

Friday: Miss Freeman and Claire

We will be starting some transitions soon for next term's rising-3s, with Kerry welcoming our new starters. We have some 6th form students in on various days as part of their childcare courses.

Christmas

Unlike previous years we will **NOT** be doing a Christmas Nativity this year. Instead we will be doing another round of 'stay and plays', this time focussing on some Christmas crafts and songs. We very much hope you can join us in one of the following slots:

Mon 11th Dec am/pm

Wed 13th Dec am/pm

Fri 15th Dec am

Sign-up sheets will be available towards the end of the month.

Shared Learning 1- Family pictures

Thank you so much for the two responses to our first shared learning task. We still encourage anyone who can, to bring in a family picture. We are asking you do this so we can encourage conversation and spark off discussion.

Shared Learning 2- Autumnal Treasure

Some of the children have already brought autumnal treasure in — things like conkers, pine cones and I interesting leaves.

This half term we would love it if everyone could bring something autumnal in to share with the class.

If you are feeling adventurous, you might want to make something with your treasure before bringing it in—a leaf picture, or pinecone hedgehog for example!

Applications for School Places

The window for applying for Reception places are now open. It can be accessed via <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx>.

The portal **closes on 15th January 18**. Even though you have a place at our nursery it does not guarantee a place within the main school - you **must** apply for a place. If you do not apply for a place there may not be any spaces available for you.

Christmas treat

As a Christmas treat, on the **18th December**, we are welcoming Avril Huntly into Nursery. She will be running a Christmas themed singing/musical workshop called 'sing with me'. She runs her workshops in the local community and is fabulous! We can't wait!

Outside Environment

Our curriculum is such that we go outside in all weathers and we have the appropriate suits for the children to wear. However, as the weather gets colder could you please ensure that your child has a **hat, scarf and preferably a pair of mittens** rather than gloves. It is incredibly helpful to us if **all clothing and shoes are named**.

Diary Dates

- ◇ Children in Need 17th Nov 17
- ◇ Family Christmas party 8th Dec 17
- ◇ Christmas 'Stay and Play' 11/13/15th Dec 17
- ◇ Avril Huntly- Sing with Me session 18th Dec 17
- ◇ Christmas Parties and Lunch 20th Dec 17
- ◇ Christingle 21st Dec 17
- ◇ Christmas Jumper day 22nd Dec 17
- ◇ School breaks up 22nd Dec 17
- ◇ First Day of Spring Term 8th Jan 18

Library books

Don't forget that if you would like to borrow one of our books to read with your child please feel free to ask a member of staff! Reading stories is really important for development and to keep up the love of reading!

Recycled Materials

Thank you for all the junk materials. We are after any of the following:

Squeezy Ketchup bottles
Wrapping paper
Plain paper plates
Christmas decorations

Curriculum

As last term our curriculum is driven by the needs of the children. We will continue to teach, model and support your child in their individual learning.

Autumn 2 General Aims — N2

- ◇ Developing fine motor skills
- ◇ Counting and number recognition
- ◇ Respecting others and our resources
- ◇ Using scissors safely
- ◇ Listening to others
- ◇ Putting things away after we have finished using them
- ◇ Answering 'why' and 'how' questions

Autumn 2 General Aims — N1

- ◇ Playing collaboratively, turn-taking and sharing
- ◇ Developing fine motor skills
- ◇ Following simple instructions when tidying up.
- ◇ Answering 'what' and 'where' questions

Change of Clothes

Please ensure that your child has a FULL change of clothes in school. We often get mucky or wet and do not have enough spare clothes in school. If your child does have to use any of our spares, please ensure they are returned as soon as possible.

Cherry Class

We currently have spaces within Cherry Class for 2 year olds. If you know of anyone who may be interested in a place please ask them to contact the school office for further information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in speaking to any of us.

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