



CHRISTMAS INFORMATION AND NEWSLETTER 2018



We have put together our best ever program of events for Christmas to make it special for the children. Please read and keep this sheet so that you are organised for all the events happening. Thank you to our parent council for their support and input in planning all these events.

Christmas Fayre – Thu 6 December – 9.30-12.00

Stalls and activities for families and raffle drawn at 11.30am. Children will also have made some Christmas items for parents to purchase for a very small amount. **Children need to be accompanied by a parent/carer for the Fayre and arrival time is 9.30am that day.**

Nativity at North Inch House – Tue 11 December

Children from the Oak room will be visiting the elderly people at North Inch House to perform some of their nativity

Theatre Trip – Polar Bears Go Up – Horsecross at Perth Theatre – Wed/Thu 12/13 December

The Acorns room will visit on Wed 12th December – the bus leaves at 10.45am and parents/carers are expected to attend with children for this outing. The cost is fully funded by Stagecoach Buses and Horsecross Theatre.

The Oak room will visit on Thu 13th December – the bus leaves at 12.20pm. Some parent/carer helpers are needed for this outing – please see your keyworker or Carmen who can discuss whether your help may be needed.

Christmas lunch and Festive Feet Day – Friday 14th December

There will be a traditional Christmas lunch for children at the usual time. We are also having a Festive Feet fundraiser – wear funky festive slippers or socks and donate as you wish. This will raise money for CHAS Hospices.

Toys donations and swap-shop – from 3 December

We know that at Christmas, some families want to clear out older toys before Christmas Day and other families might be struggling to afford the presents they want to get for their children. Please bring any unwanted toys or games

that are in excellent condition, that you are happy to donate. Bring these to Elaine or Lisa in the first instance. Toys and games will then be available for parents/carers to choose from in the Family room each day.

Oak room Nativity-“Christmas Counts”–Tue 18 December 10.30am

A new nativity this year and we are excited for “Christmas Counts”. You will hear more from your keyworker about what parts children have so you can help with songs and lines. **Children should arrive at 9.30am** which gives time before for stage setup by the staff. Parents should arrive for 10.30am. Please note we have to **limit spaces for families to 2 adults per child/family** due to space restrictions in the building and fire regulations.

Christmas Parties and Santa visit – Wed 19 and Thu 20 Dec

Thu 20th Dec Oak room should come from **9.30am-12.30pm**, parents welcome. Party food at 11.15am and at 12pm Santa should arrive if we sing!

Wed 19th Dec Acorn room have crafts, singing, afternoon tea and Santa at (morning children) 10.00-11.30 and (afternoon children) 1.00-2.30 – parents welcome in staff room for a mince pie and come back for a Christmas visitor at 11am and 2pm if we sing really hard!

Other news

We are looking forward to Charlene Findlay (ECP) returning from maternity leave after Christmas. Charlene has been in for a visit to meet her new group of children and she'll be sharing Jenny's group, working Thu and Fri. Jenny starts flexible retirement and will now be working Mon to Wed after Christmas.

Sadly our lunchtime assistant Edyta leaves us on 30th November to move on to a Play Assistant position in Perth. Please wish her well, she will be sorely missed.

Erin Little, our Modern Apprentice, has now successfully graduated with her SVQ qualification to enable her to become an Early Childhood Practitioner – please say well done if you see her.

Don't forget we close at midday on Friday 21st December, back on Monday 7th January!

