

November/December 2019 - Newsletter

Welcome back and we hope you all had a great half term with Halloween Parties during the week off.

We have lots of important information to tell you about please read on.....



Children's learning progress reports

At the of beginning December, we are sending out children's progress reports together with learning journeys for you to read (unless you have recently had a 4 week review). If you have any questions regarding these then please feel free to speak to your child's keyperson who will be happy to explain any queries that you might have. Please can we have these both back after one week as we need to continue to update them. Thank you.

To follow this up we will be holding a parents evening in February, we will let you know the date when arranged. There will be an appointment system for slots in the foyer nearer the time.

School Places September 2020

****** Please read the poster in the foyer which explains about primary school places for your child for September 2020. You should automatically receive a letter in November, however, if you do not there are contact details listed on this notification. *****

Children away due to illness

If your child is poorly we ask that you text, phone or message us on facebook to advise us on the day. If we do not receive notification then we will contact you by 10am to clarify the reason for absence. Our telephone number is 07977 342742 and can we suggest that you store our number in your contacts.

Outstanding fees

If you have any fees that are outstanding then please arrange to pay these as soon as possible, or if you are having problems then please speak to Michelle who is happy to help discuss options available. Thank you.

Christmas Nativity Play

Our Nativity this year is called 'The Magic of Christmas' and we will be releasing parts for the play the week commencing 18th November. Parents will be asked to provide an appropriate costume, this can be homemade or purchased.

The play will be on Thursday 19th December at 1pm which is our last day of the Autumn term. Parents, carers, and family will all be welcome to come and enjoy the performance and we welcome helpers on the day for serving refreshments, selling raffle tickets and afterwards there will be a chance to purchase your child's Christmas craft items that they have personally made.





Christmas Tree Festival

We are entering the Eastington Christmas Tree Festival to be held at the church – our tree will be called 'The community Starts with Us' and the children will be making a tree which will be on display between 6^{th} and 8^{th} December. We hope that you can all visit and vote for us!

Topics and important dates for the half term

4th **November** – Firework safety

 ${\bf 11}^{\rm th}$ November – Talking about Autumn, making pictures from leaves collected by children over the half term

18th **November** – Nativity parts released. Story of the Ginger Bread Man, cooking and acting out the story.

25th November - MONDAY INSET DAY - CLOSED

26TH **November** – Making decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival. Walk around Eastington and talk about what we see.

- 2nd December Summative reports out to parents. Making Christmas crafts.
- 9th December continue with Christmas crafts.
- **16**th **December** Cooking cakes for the Nativity Play.
- 19th December Nativity starts at 1pm.
- 6th January MONDAY INSET DAY NO PLAYGROUP
- 7TH January Playgroup reopens for a new term
 - Our playgroup offers care and education for all children from $2\frac{1}{2}$ years to 4 years 11 months in a well established community based group.
- We offer your children a safe and stimulating environment in which they can grow and blossom into self confident, self reliant and positive little people.
- Our ultimate goal is to enable the children to have fun, explore and have the freedom to express their individuality, while forming the basis of their education.
 - Our playgroup operates 4 days a week offering full and half day sessions and we accept government nursery vouchers and other types of employer supported childcare vouchers.

If you would like more details please contact Michelle our administrator.

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