

Nursery News December



Our new theme is Christmas and during the next few weeks we will be reading stories, playing with toys and singing songs all about the Nativity story and Christmas. At home please ask your child about some of the stories they have been reading or the creations they have made. A copy of the songs have been included so you can join in singing some festive songs with your child and help prepare them for our Nativity Concert.

- This month the children will become familiar with the Emotion 'Excitement'.
- In Numeracy we are focusing on shapes square, circle, triangle, rectangle and star. It would be helpful if you could point out these shapes around the house.
- As part of our Self-help Independence programme we are encouraging all children to become more confident putting on their own Velcro shoes and coats. Please encourage your child to put their arms in the sleeves and attempt to zip/button by themselves.

A huge thanks to everyone who participated in our successful Pyjama day in the nursery. We raised £100 for Pudsey Bear and we have donated this to Children in Need on your behalf.



The Nursery Nativity Play is on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December in our School Hall. In order to accommodate all families wishing to see their child, we are going to have Mrs McAlea's parents attend the show on the 11th and Miss Keown's parents to attend the show on the 12th. All children will perform in both shows and all children will finish on both days at 12:30 with a packed lunch to take home.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Everyone at St Maria Goretti Nursery School would like to thank you for all you support in the first term and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



Events in the Nursery



Monday 3rd Roy Clements will be taking family and school photographs.

Fitness Freddy will be back in the nursery to teach some dance moves to our favourite tunes.

Tuesday 4th Parent Workshop (Craft)

Wednesday 5th Christmas dinner in school

Wednesday 5^{th} and Thursday 6^{th} Health visitors will be carrying out Health reviews for all children in the nursery. Please remember your individual appointment times

Thursday 6th OPEN DAY. The children will finish school at 12.30pm to allow staff to prepare for our Open Day for next year's enrolment which is at 2.00pm that afternoon.

Tuesday 11th Christmas concert for Mrs McAlea's class parents. All children finish at 12:30.

Wednesday 12th Christmas concert for Miss Keown's class Parents. All children finish at 12:30.

Thursday 13th Festive fun with Jump, Jiggle and Jive.

Friday 14th Mr Hullaballoo will be in the nursery for a Christmas show.

Monday 17th Pupils invited to St Kevin's Primary School Christmas Play Wednesday 19th The Christmas Elf from Belfast City Council will visit the Nursery and act out some Christmas stories.

Thursday 20th Santa will visit the nursery in his sleigh.

Friday 21st Christmas party in the nursery.

There will be no dinners and school will finish at 11.30am for the Christmas holidays.

Monday 7th January School will reopen for a full school day.

December is a very busy and exciting month in the Nursery. Please keep this newsletter, detailing all the events, in a safe place

