



# CROSSENS NURSERY SCHOOL

Happy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Kind Hearts

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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**It is certainly beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at Crosssens Nursery School! Here is our December Newsletter to keep you up to date with all our fun!**



**Nursery will close on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the normal time and we will reopen in the New Year on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

## Share the fun!

Please send in photographs of your decorations and celebrations at home. The children will be so excited to talk about them during group time!



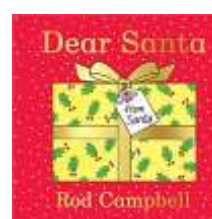
## What are we learning next?

### Children in our 3&4 YO room will be:

- Physical Development - Developing scissor skills
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development – Reading 'The Colour Monster' and recognising our feelings. We will also be discussing what makes a good friend
- Mathematics – Saying numbers forwards and backwards to 5, 10, then beyond and knowing number order. We will also be discussing 'a lot', 'a few', 'more than' and 'fewer than'
- Expressive Arts and Design – Preparing for our Christmas Performance, learning new songs and performing actions, plus waiting for cues and playing instruments
- Literacy – We are beginning to make marks for meaning and building an awareness of letter names, copying letter shapes in our name or starting to write our own names when ready

### Children in our Purple Room will be:

- Singing and playing along with the bells and the claves
- Listening and responding to music – loud, quiet, stop
- Joining in with circle games, doing particular actions, e.g. 'Here we go round the Christmas tree'
- Reading 'Dear Santa' by Rod Campbell
- Exploring boxes, wrapping and unwrapping
- Exploring bright colours
- Making special cards



## Christmas Performance

### When?

The Christmas Performance is on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**. The 3 and 4 Year Olds and our Purple Room will be entertaining us all and getting us in the Christmas spirit!

### Who can come along to watch?

Our assemblies here at Crossens are always very well attended. We will need to limit availability to **only two adult guests per child**. Babies in prams and small children who can sit on knees are very welcome in addition.

### What if my child is not normally in on a Thursday?

Your child can still join in if you wish to watch the performance. In order for us to ensure staffing and correct ratios, please contact the school office to organise this.

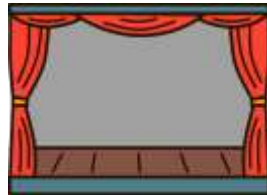
### What does my child need to wear?

Children will need to wear costumes on the day for the following themed characters please:

- Red group will be Reindeer. For example, a brown t-shirt/ jumper, painted red nose and some antlers.
- Yellow group will be Santas. For example, a red t-shirt/ jumper with a Santa hat or headband.
- Green group will be 'Winter in the Snow'. For example, a white t-shirt/ jumper with a hat or scarf

Please do not spend lots of money on a costume for your child – simple is always more effective in Early Years and the children will need to be able to stand, sing and move comfortably in their outfits.

We politely request that masks are not worn. If you have any questions, please just ask!



## Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December 2024, 1.30pm

The children will have an afternoon of fun including: meeting Santa, playing games, having party food with their friends and, of course, lots of dancing! Children can wear their Christmas jumpers or party clothes if they wish! **We ask for a donation of £5 per child to cover the costs** of the event with any remaining funds going towards new Nursery resources. Please give your Christmas party money to the school office in cash. If your child does not normally attend Nursery on a Wednesday and they would like to join us at 1.30pm, please contact the school office to book their place.

Purple Room will be joining the party but we are already full and meeting our ratios for the Wednesday afternoon. If your child does not attend a Wednesday afternoon and you would like to add your child's name to the reserve list in the event of any absences, please contact the school office.

