



# CROSSENS NURSERY SCHOOL

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

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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 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and we will reopen in the New Year on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

## Share the fun!

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



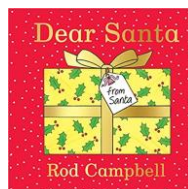
## What are we learning next?

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

- Preparing for their Christmas Performance
- Listening to and learning Christmas songs, using pitch and melody and remembering the words
- Making Christmas Cards, exploring different materials and developing ideas about how to use such
- Learning and Applying Phase 1 Phonics – tuning into sounds by stopping and listening to identify the source of the sound. The children have been exploring voice sounds and body percussion, which we will continue to explore, including matching sounds in stories
- The children have been focusing on quantities of objects (1-3) to compare more and less and recognising quantities without counting and we will continue to use our 5 and 10 frames to represent numbers

### Children in our Purple Room will be:

Finger painting; Making Christmas Calendars and Cards; Listening to stories with a Christmas or Winter theme, such as 'Dear Santa' by Rod Campbell; and dressing up in Christmas themed outfits, such as elves!



### Post Office Visits for 3&4 Year Olds

Children attending Nursery on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December will be wrapping up warm and taking a walk to our local post office. They will be buying stamps and posting their Key Worker Group letters to Father Christmas! Please contact the office if you have any questions or if you would prefer your child not to go on the visit.



## Christmas Performance

### When?

The Christmas Performance is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. The 3 and 4 Year Olds 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 Friday?

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?

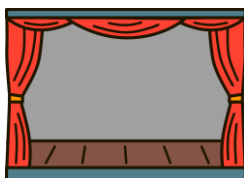
Children will need to wear costumes on the day for the following themed characters please:

- Red group will be Reindeer. For example, a brown t-shirt/ jumper, painted red nose and some antlers.
- Yellow group will be Elves. For example, a colourful t-shirt/ jumper with a little hat or elf headband.
- Green group will be Snowmen. For example, a white t-shirt/ jumper with a hat and scarf (scarves will be removed straight after the performance for safety)

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 ask that masks are not worn.

If you have any questions, please just ask!



## Christmas Jamboree

### When?

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (afternoon session)

### What is it?

The children will have an afternoon of fun including: meeting Santa, playing games, having an afternoon tea with their friends and, of course, lots of dancing! More details to follow. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers if they wish! We ask for a donation of £5 per child to cover the costs of the event and the remaining money will go towards the purchase of a climbing wall for our garden. If your child does not normally attend Nursery on a Thursday, please contact the school office to book their place.

### **Christmas Raffle and Guess how many chocolates are in the jar?**

From Wednesday next week, we will be selling raffle tickets and giving children the chance to guess how many chocolates are in the jar! Raffle tickets will be £1 per strip and it will be 50p a guess for the chocolates in the jar! Money raised will go towards our new climbing frame and other resources! Prizes will be awarded at the Christmas Performance.