



CROSSENS NURSERY SCHOOL

Happy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Kind Hearts

Wednesday 6th December 2023

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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 Friday 22nd December 2023 and we will reopen in the New Year on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

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!



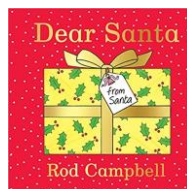
What are we learning next?

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 environmental and instrumental sounds and body percussion, which we will continue to explore. Encourage the children to listen to sounds in your home
- The children have been exploring 2D shapes and using shapes to represent objects using informal language

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

During the week beginning 11th December, our children 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 15th December at 9.30am. The 3 and 4 Year Olds will be entertaining us all and getting us in the Christmas spirit. Our Purple Room children will also be singing us some songs!

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.

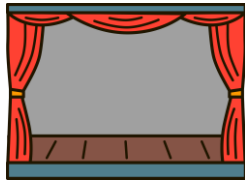
What does my child need to wear?

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

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

Thursday 21st December 2023 (afternoon session)

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! 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. If your child does not normally attend Nursery on a Thursday and they would like to join us, please contact the school office to book their place.

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets will be £1 per strip and all money raised will go into our Nursery fund for new resources! Prizes will be awarded at the Christmas Performance. Tickets go on sale on Monday 11th December.