



# Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2020



**Our Mission**  
The vision of our nursery is to provide safe, stimulating and culturally enriched care for children to enable them to learn, develop socially, physically, intellectually, creatively and emotionally through structured play activities supporting the Early Years Foundation



## Dear Parents and Carers

### Weather Warning

With the winter months fast approaching, we would like to remind you of our closure policy under extreme weather conditions. If Holy Cross Primary School announces closure, then we have to automatically close the nursery. If you are unsure check our website but also look on the Birmingham City council website for school closures to check the status of Holy Cross Primary School.

### 30 hours code

Please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to check your child's eligibility and for renewal ready for January funding.

### Parent's Consultations

We will be holding our parent's consultations during the week of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November, due to the current restrictions. Parent consultations will be via the telephone. You will already have been given your ten minute time allocation. During this 10 minute telephone conversation your child's key worker will let you know how your child has settled in and discuss their progress.

### Winter Uniform

We have now returned for our winter term, children are now asked to wear nursery winter uniform; this includes trousers, joggers/tights. Can all children please bring into the nursery a hat and gloves with their name clearly marked. If you require more uniform, please ask a member of staff, who will be happy to arrange this for you.

### Safe Operating Procedures

We have reviewed our safe operating procedures regarding the current Covid-19 guidelines. We have made the decision that your child's ruck sack can go home with them at the end of their daily session. We would really appreciate any donations of old children's spare underwear or clothes.

### Children In Need

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November Nursery will be taking part in Children In Need. We would like your child to come to nursery wearing their own colourful clothes. If you would like to make a voluntary contribution of £1 as a donation to this wonderful charity, then we will be collecting these in on the day at Nursery.





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## Academy Photography

The photographer will be in on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** to take individual children's photographs. This is an opportunity for you to have your child's photograph taken and purchase if you wish. **Please bring your child in for 9am in their uniform.** You will have to wait outside until your child's photograph has been taken. Due to current restrictions there will be no family photographs taken.

## Antarctica

Our termly topic is called Antarctica. The children will also be posting their Christmas letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole, care of the Royal Mail. Due to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements, **if you would not like your child to post their letter to Santa Claus please inform your child's keyworkers by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

## Progress Tracker

You will note from the diary dates below that your child's progress tracker for the term will be sent out on Friday 11th December.

## Carol Concert

As the saying goes 'the show must go on' and we are pleased to announce that we will be putting together a carol concert. Due to Covid -19 restrictions we will be uploading a filmed montage of the children performing Christmas carols onto a Youtube account please see letter attached.

## Christmas Jumper Day

We will be holding our traditional Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This would be a lovely opportunity for your child to come dressed in a festive Christmas jumper! On the afternoon we will also be having a special visit from Santa Claus himself! If your child does not attend nursery on the Wednesday afternoon, please keep an eye out for any further information from us about Santa's return visit.

## Christmas party

We are well and truly excited to be getting ready for our fun filled Nursery Christmas party on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. The party will go on throughout the whole day, with lots of fun games, dancing and treats. We are asking for a £1 donation per child which should be received at nursery by the **4<sup>th</sup> December**. This will go towards purchasing party food. Children are invited to wear their own clothes (party clothes if they wish). If your child does not usually attend this session, but you would like them to, then please contact the office to book an extra session.

## Pyjama Day

On the last day of term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the children may come to Nursery wearing their pyjamas if they wish. This is a feature of a more relaxed day full of fun activities and a festive movie.

**Dates for your diary**





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| Date                           | Time               | Event                             |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| WC 9-12 <sup>th</sup> November | Various time slots | Parents Consultations             |
| 13.11.20                       | All Day            | Children In Need                  |
| 25.11.20                       | 9am                | Academy Photography               |
| 11.12.20                       | 3.15pm             | Progress Trackers go home         |
| 16.12..20                      | All Day            | Christmas Jumper Day              |
| 17.12.20                       | All Day            | Christmas Party                   |
| 18.12.20                       | All Day            | Pyjama Day                        |
| 18.12.20                       | 3.15pm             | Nursery closes for Christmas      |
| 4.1.21                         | 9am                | Nursery reopens for Spring Term 1 |
| 15.2.21                        | 3.15pm             | Nursery closes for Half Term      |
| 22.2.21                        | 9am                | Nursery opens for Spring Term 2   |
| 1.4.21                         | 3.15pm             | Nursery closes for Half Term      |
| 19.4.21                        | 9am                | Nursery opens for Summer Term 1   |
| 31.5.21                        | 3.15pm             | Nursery closes for Half Term      |
| 7.6.21                         | 9am                | Nursery reopens for Summer Term 2 |
| 21.7.21                        | 3.15pm             | Nursery closes for Half Term      |

Whilst we try our upmost to not change events, occasionally changes are unavoidable and out of our control, in addition events/opportunities also pop up and we will always make the most out of these. We will always try to give parents as much notice as possible of any changes. Therefore, please check our website, Facebook page, notice boards and texts for any updates or amendments.



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