



Newsletter November 2017



Pre School Nursery

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



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Funded Nursery Places

Any parent with a child who may becoming entitled to 30 hours extended entitlement from January 2018 you must obtain your eligibility code for your 30 hour entitlement for the Spring term (January to March 2018). This needs to be obtained before January through the Childcare Choices website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

All existing families currently obtaining extended entitlement up to the 30 hours you must go back on to your childcare service account and update and reconfirm your status has not changed. Please can you provide a screenshot or copy of the confirmation. You will receive an email reminding you to do this from you childcare account.

Parents of all two year olds can visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> to see if you are entitled to a free funded two year old place. You must provide us with the code to obtain this funding. If you are currently claiming this funding you must reconfirm to us that your status has not changed.

All children obtaining just their universal 15 hours funded places do not need to do anything to obtain this funding apart from ensure you have completed and signed the EEE agreement for the current term.

Aladdin at the Lichfield Garrick Theatre.



Thursday 7th and 8th December 2018

This year we are again taking our pre schoolers to see the Christmas pantomime of Aladdin at the Lichfield Garrick Theatre. Please look out for your letter to book your child's place. This trip is NOT for the two year old children.





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Santa's Winter Wonderland at the Snowdome Tamworth

Tuesday 5th December



This trip is for the nursery 2 year old children,
Please look out for your letter with further details and to book your place.

Drive safely

Could all car users please drive carefully outside of nursery and school. Can we also be considerate to our local neighbours. Your assistance would be much appreciated.



Dates for your diary



| Date | Time | Event |
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| 17th November | All day | Spotacular Children in Need |
| 30th November | 2.00-3.00pm | Parent workshop |
| 5th December | 9.00am | Winter Wonderland trip |
| 7th December | 8.30am | Aladdin trip |
| 8th December | 8.30am | Aladdin trip |
| 11th December | All day | Elf day for Alzheimers |
| 13th December | All day | Ring in Shoe boxes for Hafod |
| 15th December | 10.00am | Visit to Hafod residential home |
| 15th December | All day | Christmas jumper day for Save the Children |
| 19th December | 11.15am | Christmas Lunch |
| 19th December | 1.30pm | Rehearsal for Christmas production |
| 20th December | 9.30am | Christmas Production |
| 21st December | All day | Christmas parties |
| 22nd December | All day | PJ day and Christmas fun |
| 22nd December | 3.15pm | Nursery breaks up for Christmas holidays |
| 8th January 2018 | 9.00am | Nursery reopens |
| 16th February | 3.15pm | Nursery breaks up for half term |
| 19th February - 23rd February | 7.50am - 5.30pm | Activefest holiday club running |
| 26th February | 9.00am | Nursery reopens |
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Easy fund raising whilst Christmas shopping

We are using easyfundraising.org.uk to help raise money for nursery to buy exciting resources and equipment. If you search on Google for easyfundraising.org.uk, click on support a good cause and search Holy Cross Nursery Sutton Coldfield. If you use easy funding when shopping then they will send us a donation for Nursery.





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Parent Consultations

Thank you for attending your Child's parent consultation, we had positive feedback from you all on how well the children have settled and are working well in nursery. We really appreciate you taking the time to see us as it helps to support with partnership between home and nursery.

This partnership helps us in supporting your child/children's development and progression.

We will be sending home your child's full assessment report before we break up for Christmas.

Children In Need

17th November we will be celebrating Children In Need in nursery. The children will be participating in lots of different activities, to raise money for this amazing charity we are asking the children to pay a £1 to come into nursery dressed in SPOTS!



Polite Reminder

All Childcare invoices are issued the first few days of every term; there is a 2 week payment period in which these bills need to be settled in full. Should these bills not be settled your childcare place could be in jeopardy and you may incur additional costs as per our terms and conditions. If you have extenuating circumstances please discuss these with Ms Gordon who will need to take the case to the Directors. If you do not receive your bill either via email or paper copy by the 3rd working day into term please call the office to inform them.

Thank You

Our New Topic for this half term

is.....

Folklore, Myths and Legends!!

We will be looking at fairies, Mermaids, The Tooth Fairy, Father Christmas etc.



Christmas Workshop-

We will be holding a Christmas Workshop on Friday 30th November at 2.00pm. There will be lots of Christmas activities for you and your child to do and we will be decorating nursery ready for the festive season. There will also be Coffee, Mince Pies and Christmas songs to get you into the festive mood!
We hope to see you all .



Safeguarding In Nursery

Please can we remind you not to allow other parents/visitors through the gate. For safeguarding reasons we need to be aware of who is entering nursery. If you are not sure of who is coming with you please stop them from entering.
Thank you for co-operation with this serious matter





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Shoe Box appeal Hafod residential home.

Last year the children filled shoeboxes with gifts to donate to the residents of Hafod residential Home in Anchorage Road Sutton Coldfield. The residents and staff greatly appreciated these gifts and also the time the children spent with them singing Christmas songs. This truly was a very special day and a wonderful gesture and learning for the children about spreading Christmas joy. Some of the residents at Hafod do not have relatives or many visitors and this was such a special event we had had to repeat this again this year. If you would like to join in, then please lookout for the individual letter with the full details.



Reporting Absences

If your child is absent please could you notify us so that we can record these. This is to support our safe guarding policy, good practice and also a requirement of funding. Likewise if you are planning a holiday or time away for nursery could you please put it in writing.



Thank you for your support.



Thank you

I would just like to thank everyone for all the well wishes following my surgery and during my recovery period. It has been a long recovery, but all is going very well and as expected at this stage. I am very much looking forward to returning to work in the next few weeks and getting to know all the families and children who have joined us since September and also seeing how much our children from last year have blossomed.

I really have missed you all!

Kindest Regards

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