



Grove News December 2020

Santa is on his way and there's great excitement already in Nursery!
This month we'll be thinking about all the 'preparations' for Christmas, cards, presents, decorations, trees, shopping etc. and learning about 'The First Christmas'.

- To help with our 'creative' activities in the New Year, please keep any interesting or exciting 'junk' materials, scrap paper, bows, ribbons, small boxes, etc that you accumulate during the holiday season.
- To cut down on expense and inconvenience, we ask that each child (if they wish) send only one card to all their friends/staff in nursery. These will be displayed on a board in each story room.
- We have arranged a special 'Collection' from The Royal Mail who have promised to deliver our letters directly to Santa. These can be posted in our special letter box in the Entrance Hall by Friday 11th December.
- In these challenging days, the staff feel that it is unnecessary for parents to buy gifts for all the staff, and although we appreciate your kindness - please use your finances to 'treat' your child/children, e.g. a book, hot choc, on our behalf. Thank you and enjoy!

Last week, we all walked to Davidson's Nursery to select our 'real' Christmas tree. (We already had your permission for this walk.) Mia's Nanny gave us special attention and helped us to choose. We had great fun decorating it in small groups. Please be careful that baubles don't get knocked off in the hall, on arrival in the mornings.

Wednesday 9th =Christmas Dinner with crackers, hats, music, serviettes, etc.

Friday 11th December = Christmas Jumper Day (if your child wishes!)

Friday 18th December - School will end at 11:30 a.m. (No mid-day dinners but a charge of the normal £2.50 to cover party food supplied by the kitchen)

We will be showing 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson.

School will recommence on Tuesday, 5th January 2021 @ 8.45 a.m.

Open Day

Our annual open day is cancelled this year, as outside visitors cannot be admitted into the

school buildings due to Covid. but details will be available on our web site, if you know of anyone hoping to apply for September 2021.

Please also note that there are notices in our porch giving details about local primary schools and Mrs Thompson has had conversations with and documentation from most Principals. Please speak to her if you require more info. or advice, regarding your choice of school.

Forms can be completed on line from EA website- from Noon on Thurs. Jan 7th
www.eani.org.uk

Follow links to 'Admissions' →Applying for a School Place → 'Pre School' or 'Primary'
If anyone needs help please speak to Janette in the office, (Tues & Wed a.m.) or Mrs T (after 2.00 p.m) who will attempt to guide you through the process.

Our song/rhyme sheets for 'Christmas' are available, if you haven't already got one. Please collect these from the reception area.

Thank you to Sarah's Nanny who has provided a lovely 'Animal' Calendar for every child this year and to Clara's Daddy who helped to put up hooks for our ever increasing selection of storysacks. It only took him a few minutes!!

We also enjoyed visits from two of our 'new borns' in relation to our theme of 'Families'- it was lovely to have Jacob and James (and their proud brothers) with us!

On behalf of the staff, can I thank you all for your support, encouragement and positive feedback which we receive from you, our parents, at recent parents' meetings and for all your adherence to new rules during the past few months. We all coped extremely well with new restrictions.

It was lovely to hear how happy the children are, for after all, that is most important to us all! I can assure you that we have great fun and enjoyment in all our learning in our class bubbles (as you are probably aware).

Thank you all for allowing us the opportunity to play a little part in the lives of all your lovely children.

Wishing every boy, girl and family in The Grove a
Very Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year xx

