

## Nursery Newsletter 13 - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Families,

Another week closer to Christmas! It has been lovely to see most of our children back to full health after last week, fit and ready to see the end of our first term.

As always, we have had a busy week that has included the introduction of Santa's Workshop in our role play area, mark making with twigs in gloop, learning to balance on bucket stilts, counting the buttons on gingerbread men and rehearsing our upcoming Christmas performance! Phew! Our rehearsals have been going well this week. The children have really worked hard to learn the songs and we have now moved our rehearsals into the hall so we can really get a feel for how our show will be presented. The children are enjoying being in this big space and are very excited at the thought of you all being there to share the event with them! We have heard about all the wonderful costumes that you are putting together too and just can't wait to see them. Please could we have all costumes in nursery by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> so that the children have a few days to rehearse in them prior to the performance, which will take place at 9am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. You just need to drop your child/ren off at nursery, before making your way to the school hall and taking a seat ready for the show!

This week, the children have also completed their Information Text as part of their current Talk for Writing module. We have now finished compiling our factsheet about pineapples and have spent some time this week rehearsing our oral retelling of the facts, accompanied by actions that the children have thought about and developed themselves. We certainly know much more about this fruit now! Look out for our retelling coming up on Tapestry soon.

We are very lucky to have such a supportive group of families involved with our nursery and this has really been evident this week. Our Christmas mission to support local charity 'Derek's Tree' has been a huge success, thanks to both our families and staff within the Academy who have ensured that all the tags have now been taken. Mrs Wagstaffe in particular had a lovely shopping spree fulfilling a few requests on our behalf this week! **Could you please get any gifts back to Mrs Blackshaw by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December so they can be dropped off to the charity by the cut-off date for donations. Remember that you do not need to wrap the gifts but you do need to return the tag to ensure it gets to the right child. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.**

We have also received some amazing aprons thanks to Niamh and Saoirse's nanny, who very kindly handmade a sack full of them for us to use at nursery. They look great and we know they will be used well during our crafting and baking activities. Thank you! At the time of writing, we are getting ready for our Christmas Craft morning on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, so we are sure they will definitely come in handy then.

**Dates for your diary next week:**

**5 in Harmony:** On **THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 7-8pm**, we are hosting this wonderful local male voice folk group who are well known and loved for the infamous 'Swad song'! They came to perform in May for our local residents and the children and we all thoroughly enjoyed it! We have invited them back for an evening performance and they would love to see a good turn out. Due to the 7pm start time the concert is intended just for adults. It is **FREE** entry with mince pies and drinks available for a small donation and it is open to anyone that would like to come so please spread the word among your family and friends and come along for a good old sing song!

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**Christmas Jumper Day- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December-** wear a Christmas jumper for £1 donation to Save the Children.

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Now to Birdie and his plans for the weekend! After watching carefully, Birdie has noticed one particular child trying really hard to respect our toys and rules this week. So, he is very excited to be going to spend the weekend with Charlie and watching him make lots of wonderful 'good choices!'

Finally, you may have heard the children mention Elvis this week. Elvis is one of Santa's little helpers who has decided to spend the next few weeks with us in nursery. He is very impressed with the children so far so we are sure he has nothing but good news to report back to Santa!

We wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to lots more Christmas fun and activities next week,

Mrs Blackshaw and Mrs Buckley ☺

**Home learning-** Could you please support your child with learning the first verse of 'Away in a Manger' as shown on the song sheets given out this week. Thank you.

