

# Newsletter 7

Monday 11th December 2017

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## General Information

As the end of the autumn term is approaching we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are hoping that Santa will find time in his busy schedule to visit the children before we close for Christmas.

The pre-school closes for Christmas at 3.00 pm on Tuesday 19th December 2017 and re-opens at 9.00 am on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Our Holiday Club will be open on Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st Friday 22nd December 2017, and Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

The Care & Learning Centre will be closed for all sessions on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 for a training day in line with Monkfield Park Primary School.



## Winter Activity Sessions



Don't forget our annual Winter Activity Days which are taking place this week place on Thursday 14th December at 10.45 am or 1.45 pm for children based in Room 2 and on Friday 15th December at 10.30 am or 1.45 pm for children based in Room 1.

There will be a range of activities for you to take part in with your children and the sessions will end with some festive singing!

There will be a raffle during each session to win a selection of prizes with tickets costing £1.00 per strip of 5. The money from these will go towards end of term activities and experiences for the children.

## Staff News



We have appointed Mr Scrutton to the staff team as a Deputy Manager and he will be joining us as soon as all the necessary pre-employment checks have taken place.

Mr Scrutton will be based in Room 1 during pre-school sessions, he will also work in the Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs.

We will be saying goodbye to Miss de Martiis at the end of the autumn term.

I am sure you will all join us in wishing her well for the future.

## Drop-In Session

On Monday 11th December parents/carers are invited (with or without their children) to our termly drop-in session which runs from 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity to see the pre-school set up for a typical session and chat informally with the staff.

Children and their parents/carers moving from our 2 year old room will be able to visit their new room.

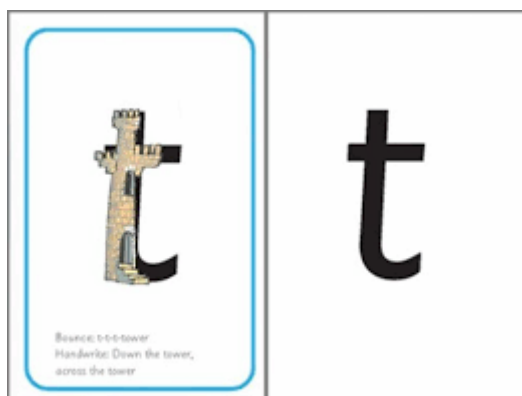


### Funding Forms & 2018 School Places

Please remember to complete and return your child's 'Count Me In' funding form for the spring term (if you haven't already done so) by Friday 14th December 2017 so their funded hours can be confirmed.

If your child is entitled to 2 year old or 30 hours funding we need your authorisation code too.

If your child is due to start school next September please ensure you complete their place application by the deadline of 15th January 2018.



### Read, Write Inc. Activity Suggestion

The older children have been introduced to the letter 't' and the sound it makes which is 'ttt'.

Help your child to find things beginning with the 'ttt' sound around the house and when out and about.

Please encourage your child to tell us about the ones they find, maybe they could draw pictures of them, bring them to show us at pre-school and we can add them to their Learning Journey.

### Learning Journeys

By now you should have received your child's Learning Journey to take away and enjoy along with an accompanying letter detailing when it needs to be returned. This also offers the option of an individual parent consultation with your child's Key Person and a 'Parent Comment' slip which you are invited to complete and return to us.

If you haven't received this please ask a member of staff in your child's Base Room.

**JINGLE BELLS**  
Jingle All The Way  
Oh What Fun  
It Is To Ride In A  
One\*Horse\*Open  
**SLEIGH, HEY!**

### Ask your child.....

- ◆ About the Christmas songs they have been learning?
- ◆ In Room 1 to sing 'Jingle Bells' to you?
- ◆ In Room 2 to sing the Christmas Pudding song to you?



*'Christmas Pudding, Christmas Pudding,*

*Steaming Hot, Steaming Hot, Sprinkle on the sugar, Sprinkle on the sugar, Eat it up, Eat it up!'*

### Wanted!!!



Room 2 would welcome any donations of tubes and/or piping to add to their exploration area.

