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Upcoming Events

It's showtime!

The **christmas play** dress rehearsal will be on the morning of **Tuesday December 2nd** and the big performance will be held **on Tuesday morning December 9th**. Refreshments will be provided and photographs of everyone's big moment in the spotlight will be on sale after the event. This way everyone can enjoy the show rather than dazzling our little stars with a sea of flashing phone cameras and also comply with government data protection act advice.

Tuesday 9th December PM session is an activity session for afternoon children only, but parents are welcome to stay and play.

Breakfast With Santa will be held on **Saturday December 6th**. Booking is vital, as each child will receive a little gift from the big man in red. We are still on the lookout for elves to help set up and dismantle the grotto, volunteer via facebook or tell the staff!

We will be putting out the postbox for the children to post their cards to their friends. These will then be deliveredafter the party on... **Thursday December 11th is Party Time!** We will be celebrating the holidays and the end of term so feel free to dress up in holiday finest.

There is still time to **buy your tickets for the Christmas Raffle** and donate any suitable items for the prize hampers via the collection box in the hallway.

First prize is Festive Food Hamper & meal for 2 and bottle of wine at Oliver's Restaurant & Wine Bar. Second prize is a Pamper Hamper including; a family photoshoot with MF wedding photography, free spray tan by Gemma Turner at Beautiful You in Lordswood. Third Prize is a personalised silver disc bracelet by Pheebs and Beau.

We also have a selection of runner up prizes! *Beautiful handmade hair bows by Pops and Primrose

* Free cricket sessions for 2-11 year olds* Handmade sock monkey toys

Links to our swanky prizes are up on our facebook page!

This months sounds are

G, H, I

All your junk self-addressed reply envelopes

WANTED!

Happy Birthday

Chester is 4!

About phonics

1. In a nutshell

This is a method of teaching reading by first teaching the individual letter sound, then blending them together to pronounce whole words.

2. Encourage and support

The Jolly Phonics series has a range of song cds, activity books, flash cards etc, but also have some free resources on their website, www.jollylearning.co.uk.

3. Homework

While the teachers will occasionally give 'homework' to some children (depending on their development. following discussion with parents etc), they will not be setting daily homework for the children as that is a pleasure they can look forward to when start fulltime education

Term Date Reminder!

End of Term is 11 December We restart in January 2015 Monday 5th for PM children Tuesday 6th for AM children

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Last month we...

Learnt about 'Remembrance Day.' We painted poppies, held a minutes silence and were visited by Sergeant Forbes from the Royal Artillery

Visited the local Sikh Temple and gained a better understanding of





their people and communities. On the long walk back to pre-school we showed an interest in shapes in the environment.

Showed our support for Children In Need by decorating fairycakes! We also learnt what makes

others happy and how to help others. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the 'Foodbank' on Children in Need Day.

Got the instruments out and made music with our friends!



Payments

Children are funded from the term after their 3rd birthday (cut off dates are 31st March, 31st August and 31st December).

We accept cash or cheques with a bankers card only, no company cheques please. Should any cheque be returned, you will be liable for any charges incurred.

It is your responsibility to inform us if your child will be absent. All fees are still due during illness and for any other absence. Any special circumstances please let staff know.

For non-funded children, at least 4 weeks written notice is requested if your child is to leave pre-school for any reason. If this is not possible, then 2 weeks fees will be requested from the time of notification.

We reserve the right to share information regarding non-payment of fees or outstanding fees, with other Early Years Providers.