



WINTER NEWS

Winter is here and Christmas is just around the corner! This is a very busy time of year with lots for the children to be doing. Here are just some of the things the children have been doing since the last news letter and some of the things planned for Christmas



The **BABY GEMS** would like to welcome Olivia, Steven and Murray who are already settling into nursery life, but a very sad farewell to Carly, Amy, Rachael, Morgan and Niamh who have all grown to be Junior Gems!

The children have been busy with the Zoo and Jungle topic, making snakes, sponge painting for a display, colouring zoo pictures and making lions. They have also had fun in the sand with the Jungle and Zoo animals. The Baby Gems also celebrated Halloween and Bonfire Night. You are all promised lots of sparkly pictures, baking and Christmas gifts for the weeks leading to Christmas.



JUNIOR GEMS 1 would like to welcome Carly, Amy, Rachael, Morgan, Niamh, Lewis, Matthew and Alice. The children have all been busy with Halloween and Bonfire Night making fireworks and bonfire display. This has continued to the topic "Night and Day" where the children have been gluing stars, moons and sunshine's.

As we are now approaching the cold season and Christmas, we will be making lots of nice things to support these topics. Also watch out for the main entrance being turned into a winter wonderland by our Junior Gems 1!



JUNIOR GEMS 2 have been busy with helping to raise money for the toddle waddle! More about that later! Halloween and Bonfire Night passed with lots of fun activities, party and scary stories. The Junior Gems 2 also helped to create a spooky corner.

Fast approaching is Christmas, which we are all looking forward to with lots to prepare. There will be plenty of exciting things which the children will be making for you to take home and hopefully hang on your Christmas tree.



PRE-SCHOOL have been busy being involved in the Toddle Waddle to help raise money for the Meningitis Trust. The children painted and drew ideas for their own obstacle course then used these ideas outside in the garden.

Halloween celebrations were in full swing with the children making bat models and clay spiders to hang for the party. Every one looked fantastic dressed in their fancy dress costumes! The children have been looking at the topic "Night and Day" and have been continuing this by talking about the animals going into hibernation.

Preparation for Christmas is very exciting where the children will be making cards and some lovely surprises to take home!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

The nursery will be opening and closing over the Christmas and New Year period as follows:

Friday 22nd December 2006 closing at 4PM (this will also be the children's Christmas party)

Wednesday 27th December 2006 - nursery will re-open at 7am until 6.30pm

Friday 29th December 2006 - nursery will close at 6.30pm

The nursery will re-open as usual on Tuesday January 2nd 2007 for the New Year.

Closer to the time staff within your room will be asking if your child needs childcare between this Christmas and New Year period as this has proved to be a very quiet time in the nursery.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party will be held for **all** the children. This will be on Friday 22nd December. An entertainer has been booked for this occasion and there may be a surprise entrance from a

certain special man!!  More information about the party will be given closer to the time.

WINTER CLOTHING

As the colder weather is coming our way we ask all parents to please provide hats, gloves and scarves so staff are still able to take the children out in the garden for fresh air and exercise.

DEPUTY MANAGER

A reminder that Donna Sharp has taken over the post as Deputy Manager. Donna will be brought into the office and trained on various aspects of the job, so as when I am on holiday things will run smoothly. As mentioned before Donna and I will be placed on opposite shift patterns so as there will always be someone to answer any queries or concerns.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The children will have their photos taken on Wednesday 29th November. Orders must be placed on the appropriate date in order for them to return for Christmas.

TODDLE WADDLE

Thank you to all the parents who sponsored their child for the Meningitis Toddle Waddle. The children had a fantastic time taking part and we raised a whopping £1,507!!!! Giving money to charity will become a regular thing within the nursery and aim to help at least 1 charity per year.

As this will be the last News Letter until after the year, all the staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all together for the children receiving their gifts from Santa at the children's Christmas Party.