



Nursery News

December



Our new theme is **Christmas** and during the next few weeks we will be reading stories, playing with toys and singing songs all about the Nativity story and Christmas. At home please ask your child about some of the stories they have been reading or the creations they have made. A copy of the songs have been included so you can join in singing some festive songs with your child and help prepare them for our Nativity Concert.

- This month the children will become familiar with the **Emotion** 'Excitement'.
- In **Numeracy** we are focusing on shapes - square, circle, triangle, rectangle and star. It would be helpful if you could point out these shapes around the house.
- As part of our **Self-help Independence** programme we are encouraging all children to become more confident putting on their own Velcro shoes and coats. Please encourage your child to put their arms in the sleeves and attempt to zip/button by themselves.

Introduction to Yoga in St John's Hall

We began a three-week Yoga programme in the nursery recently and this was guided by a R.I.S.E. trained physiotherapist. All staff and children have loved the programme so far and we recognise the benefits for the children. They are practising a range of whole body strengthening movements and becoming more aware of their body, breathing and balance activities. Check out the website for photos!

The **Nursery Nativity Play** is on Thursday 14th December in our School Hall. In order to accommodate all families who wish to see their child we are going to have two shows - 9.30am and 10.15am. All children will perform in both shows. To help everyone see the show, we would appreciate it if parents/relatives attend **one show only**.

Thank you for your cooperation!



A huge thanks to everyone who participated in our successful Pyjama day in the nursery. We raised £100 for Pudsey Bear and we have donated this to **Children in Need** on your behalf.



Everyone at St Maria Goretti Nursery School would like to thank you for all your support in the first term and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Events in the Nursery



Friday 1st December - Lyn from 'Happy Smiles' initiative will be in the nursery to talk to the children about the importance of teeth brushing

Monday 4th Fitness Freddy will be back in the nursery to teach some dance moves to our favourite tunes.

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th Health visitors will be carrying out Health reviews for all children in the nursery. Please remember your individual appointment times

Tuesday 5th The Library Sessions continue in the nursery. You can collect your child anytime between 1.00pm and 1.30pm and help them choose their three books.

Wednesday 6th Final Yoga session in St John's Hall. Also Christmas dinner in school!

Thursday 7th OPEN DAY. The children will finish school at 12.30pm to allow staff to prepare for our Open Day for next year's enrolment which is at 2.00pm that afternoon.

Wednesday 13th Children are invited to St John's Church for a Christmas Carol service and Nativity by the children from St Kevin's Primary School.

Thursday 14th Our Christmas Nativity Play will be in the Nursery at 9.30am and 10.15am. Parents are asked to bring children to school at normal time (9.00am).



Friday 15th- Children will be going to St Kevin's Primary school to watch the dress rehearsal of their Christmas Play. Staff will take the children down to the school and will return to the Nursery for dinner finishing at the usual time.

Monday 18th Mr Hullabaloo will be in the nursery for a Christmas show!

Tuesday 19th Santa will visit the Nursery in his bus and all the children will receive a present.

Wednesday 20th The Christmas Elf from Belfast City Council will visit the Nursery and act out some Christmas stories.

Friday 22nd Christmas party in the nursery.

There will be no dinners and school will finish at 11.30am for the Christmas holidays.



Monday 8th January School will reopen for a full school day.

December is a very busy and exciting month in the Nursery. Please keep this newsletter, detailing all the events, in a safe place

