



St John's Pre-school Newsletter – December 2021

Hi All

How is it December already?!? We hope you've got some wonderful plans in the diary for the festive period, and if not, don't worry, we've got lots on the agenda to add a little extra sparkle this year.

A quick reminder that term finishes on Friday 17th December with a little Christmas party for the kids.

Please see below for other key notices for December.

November Highlights

Pre-school relocation

Thank you all for supporting us when we ran the pre-school in the church hall and WI hall for a week. It was a logistical challenge for us all but the kids were brilliant and adapted well to the new locations.

Parents evening

It was so lovely to be able to meet face to face with you all at parents evening and discuss how your child is getting on. All reports have been uploaded to Tapestry and sent through to you for comments and approval. If you haven't already, please do take a look.

Christmas prep

You may have heard your child singing a few new Xmas songs, and that's because we've been busy rehearsing for the nativity alongside lots of Xmas crafting, all to be revealed soon 😊

Birthdays

A big happy birthday to Charlie who turned 4 on 10th November.

December Plans

The staff are so excited for the month ahead, we're looking to up the ante on last year's Xmas with some fantastic festive events for you and the children.

A few reminders of dates for the diary;

- **Christmas cards – w/c 28th November**
 - The staff have been busy with the children making some sparkly, homemade Xmas cards that you can share with your loved ones. These will be on sale at drop-off or pick-up. Please note we will only let cards go when paid for by cash so the staff can manage payment easily. These will be selling at £6.50 for the pack and £10 for two packs for those families with twins.
- **Christmas Nativity – Tuesday 14th December**
 - Location: St John's Church



- Time: 11.30am – 12/12.15pm (approx. finish time)
- Parents, grandparents and carers are welcome. Please ensure that you have completed a negative lateral flow test before attending. We would recommend all adults wear masks for the performance given current rates of infection.
- We will be pulling the raffle if we have time, so please bring your ticket numbers along.
- **Christmas Party – Friday 17th December**
 - Location: St John's Church Hall
 - Time: 11.15 – 1.30pm
 - If your child is not in session this day please feel free to let us know if you'd like to bring them along, we will have enough staff for you to leave your child and come back at 1.30pm. Hopefully this will give you a little time to get some Xmas shopping/wrapping done before the big day.
 - We'll have a special party lunch, party games and maybe even a guest appearance from Father Christmas.

A massive happy birthday to Bea who turns 4 on 6th December. We're looking forward to celebrating with you.

Reminders from the Staff

Covid-19

We have seen the infection rate rise in the local area and therefore we'd like to remind parents to be vigilant with any new symptoms presenting in their children. All guidance in relation to Covid-19 and testing can be found on our website: <http://stjohns-preschool.co.uk/policies-2/covid-19-guidance/>

January start date

As per previous correspondence the pre-school is technically due to be closed w/c 3rd January in line with Government funding. If you **did** respond to our email about additional sessions on 5th/6th/7th January you will have been notified that your child will have a place that week. Invoices will be going out for these sessions as they are not covered by the Government funding for 3+ and are additional to our standard sessions.

Zena

A number of you will have been notified about this already at parents evening, but just to say the lovely Zena will be flexing her role a little as of January. The only change being that her key children will be allocated a new key person and she'll be working to support them in their observations rather than leading them as she moves down to 3 mornings a week. Those children that are moving key person will have been notified but if you have any further questions please feel free to contact Linda.

Fundraising Update

We're conscious it was a bit of a flurry of fundraising initiatives last month. We are once again so grateful for your support and in response we managed to raise:

- £98 Body Shop calendar raffle
- £155.40 from the cake sale
- £200 from the festive family photoshoot



- Bags 2 School – TBC

This money will help support the running of the pre-school over the next few months.

This December we've got some brilliant initiatives that the team have been working on for the last few months;

Christmas Raffle

Tickets have gone out in bookbags this week. If you'd like tickets please return half of the ticket strip (with name on back) with the relevant money (£1 per number) in the provided envelope. Ticket sales are closing on Friday 10th December so make sure you've handed your money and ticket envelopes in by then.

If you would like tickets for family and friends we'll be selling additional tickets w/c 6th December outside pre-school in the mornings.

We have over 50 prizes with something for everyone from LEGO sets to restaurant vouchers! Please follow us on Facebook where we'll be revealing new prizes each day (<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnspreschoolcrowborough>).



Christmas Tea Towels

Thank you to everyone who submitted a pre-order for these. We are due to have them delivered w/c 6th December and will pop an email over when they are ready to collect. Please bring cash on collection.

We will have some additional tea towels available for those who didn't get a chance to pre-order or if you'd like to order more.

These are so cute and such a lovely present for family members.



Mock-up only

Christmas Sweet Cones & Reindeer Food

We're busy making up some magical reindeer food and Christmas sweet cones for the children. These are fab Xmas eve gifts. If you'd like to buy some of these we'll be selling them Friday 10th December at 3pm.

Sweet cones: £2 each

Magical reindeer food: £1.50 each

Please bring cash on collection. And if you can't make this collection time please let us know ahead of time and we'll arrange another time for you to collect.

As always, if you have any questions on the above, please feel free to contact us on email or phone. Have a wonderful Xmas!

The Pre-School Team

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