



St John's Pre-school Newsletter – January 2022

Hi All

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

We hope you all had a great Christmas and spent lots of time around the ones you love. Here's to 2022, and hoping we have a slightly smoother ride.

A quick reminder that **Pre-school will be officially opening our doors again on Monday 10th January**. We are so looking forward to seeing you all then.

Please see below a short recap on December and a few key notices for January.

December Highlights

Christmas Nativity

What a magical time we had at the Nativity performance. The kids were brilliant, and we are so proud of them for learning all the songs and performing so confidently. For those that couldn't make it here are a few images of the performance:



Party – Santa's surprise visit

To say a huge thank you to the kids we hosted a Christmas party in the Church hall filled with games, crafts, party food and a surprise visit from Father Christmas. We hope the children have enjoyed bringing their new teddies home for Christmas.



Xmas crafting



What a month of crafting. The children have loved getting stuck in and spreading glitter everywhere. We hope you and your family loved the cards and tree decorations as much as the kids loved making them.

Thank you!

The staff wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who kindly donated money and gifts for Christmas. Your generosity was so kind, and we managed to get out for a much-needed Christmas night out to celebrate the end of another challenging year.

Birthdays

A big happy birthday to Bea who celebrated her 4th birthday on 6th December.

January Plans

January is a quiet month for us as we reset after the busy end to 2021. We have a few new toys including an indoor ball pit which we're looking forward to introducing the children to, and we hope to share a little bit of what we've got up to in the next newsletter.

We're also excited to wish Teddy, Albie and Josh a big happy birthday this month.

Reminders from the Staff

Covid-19

As the Omicron variant has taken hold over the last few weeks, we wanted to remind parents to be vigilant with any new symptoms presenting in their children. Please refer to the NHS website for full details of Covid-19 symptoms: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Whilst children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contact with someone testing positive, if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness and arrange to take a PCR. They can attend their education setting while they await the PCR results as long as they have no symptoms of Covid-19.

Please note that we will need to be notified when a member of your household tests positive for Covid and have confirmation that your child is also undergoing a PCR test and awaiting a result as this needs to be recorded and reported. Once the PCR result is received, we will need to see proof of the negative result, again for reporting to the Department of Education.

Since 22nd December the 10-day isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test for Covid-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances. Individuals may now take an LFD test on day 6 & 7 (24hrs apart) of the isolation period and those that complete two negative tests and present no high temperature are no longer required to complete 10 days of full isolation. This also applies to children under 5.

Please see our Covid webpage for full updates: <http://stjohns-preschool.co.uk/policies-2/covid-19-guidance/>

School application deadline – 15 January 2022



A quick reminder that for those children starting school in September 2022 you will need to have submitted your application online by midnight 15 January 2022 or it will need to be received by the Admissions Team in the post by 15 January 2022.

Full details of the school application process can be found at [new.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/admissions/apply-primary](https://www.new.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/admissions/apply-primary)

A PDF provided by East Sussex County Council with more information can be found on our website here: <http://stjohns-preschool.co.uk/monthly-newsletters/>

Parent Literacy Workshops

The REAL project is running a couple of parent literacy workshops (Jan & March) focusing on supporting speech and language at home for the under 5s. These will be held over Zoom.

- 18th January 2022, 10am – 11.30am
- 15th March 2022, 10am – 11.30am

If you're interested, please contact Angela Russell for more information or to book a place: arussell@ncb.org.uk or 07432 739032

Fundraising Update

Wow! It was a busy one for fundraising in December, thank you so, so much to everyone who supported our efforts.

Here's a little update on what we managed to raise:

- Bags 2 School - £108
- Xmas Cards - £208
- Tea towels & sweet cones - TBC
- Christmas Raffle - £350

The fundraising committee will be meeting early January to set the agenda for the next few months, so January is likely to be a quiet one for events etc.

We still have a few of the tea towels remaining so if you'd like to grab a few for upcoming birthday presents just let the team know.

As always, if you have any questions on the above, please feel free to contact us on email or phone. See you in a few days' time.

The Pre-School Team

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