



# Jolly Rodgers Toddlers Newsletter December 2022

## **THIS MONTH'S THEME IS 'WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE'**

Our learning through play will continue to progress well throughout our monthly activities. The children will continue to build on new skills daily please encourage these at home. This month our theme is 'What do we celebrate'. We will be talking about Christmas and how exciting it is and why we are celebrating. We will be talking about Santa & his little elf helpers and what presents we would like Santa to bring.

## **THIS MONTH'S SONG'S (please encourage your child to sing these with you)**

Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer  
When Santa got stuck up the chimney  
Frosty the Snowman  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And everyone's favourite...*Jingle Bells*



## **NUMBERS**

Each day we encourage the children with recognition of numbers. Please encourage your children to count with you, discuss how many they count e.g. how many different shape & sizes of Christmas decorations, how reindeer Santa has, how many baubles on the Christmas tree etc.

## **THIS MONTH'S COLOURS – RED and GOLD**

Our sand tray's will be filled with sand and adding in baubles, glitter, tinsel, bows and Christmas decorations.

Our water will also be a mix of Christmassy colours with glitter, Christmas decorations, moulds and tinsel.

We will also be playing with shaving foam, 'snow' & Christmas decorations in our individual tray's.

Our tuff tray will be a North Pole scene.

## **THIS MONTH'S ARTS (we will send home children's work for you to display)**

We will be using lots of different art & crafts to decorate pictures for our theme.

E.g. crayons, felt tips, painting, sticking, junk art, footprints, tissue paper, making pictures using glue & sand.

We will be making:

Fingerprint Christmas trees, melted snowmen, Rudolph handprints, Grinch handprints, Christmas Snowflakes, brush stamping Christmas wreaths, Christmas cards, presents, reindeers & Olaf and gluing and sticking pictures.

**COOKING** – Decorating gingerbread men and Christmas cupcakes.



## **THIS MONTH'S CIRCLE TIME**

Within the Toddlers room we will use "Circle Time" to read stories, poems etc to develop each child's love of books and language and knowledge.

We will talk about our month's theme, and all about Christmas, how excited we are and how much fun we are going to have. We will enjoy decorating our Christmas tree.

We will read books and learn our new songs.

Our stories this month will include the following topics:

'Twas the night before Christmas  
Little reindeer wants to play  
The best Christmas ever  
5 Christmas Penguins  
Humphreys Christmas  
Kippers Christmas Eve  
Dear Santa  
Christmas Magic  
Stick man  
Snowman's perfect present  
Reindeers first flight

**Merry  
Christmas**

### **THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAY'S**

Each month we may have a birthday celebration; we will create a birthday chart and sing "Happy Birthday". Each child will be added to this chart as their birthday occurs throughout the year. If you wish you may send a cake/or healthy option to celebrate during break. (All Cakes must be nut free).

Happy birthday:

Alyx

Clara

Theo



### **PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES**

We will be outside each day, can you please ensure you have sent a warm coat, hats, scarves & gloves to nursery. Could we please ask that you bring in a pair of 'wellie boots' that we can keep in nursery for outside play & for walks. We will continue to develop our outside nature garden and growing activities and investigating in Fairyland forest.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Can we ask that you please be extra cautious when driving around the car park area and always be aware of adults and children. We are sure you can appreciate that there are a lot of children within the nursery being collected at different times and it can be busy. Please always be attentive of this. **Can we please remind you not to block the area where nursery vehicles are parked. This MUST be kept clear at all times so the vehicles can get in and out and we can safely off load the children.** Thank you.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Just a little thank you for your support on our PJ Day. Total amount raised was £450.00!!! THANK YOU!!

*Santa Claus is coming to Jolly Rodgers! 😊 We will be transforming our cabin into a magical Christmas Grotto in preparation for our visit from Santa himself. Santa will deliver presents to the children. Don't worry if your child is absent on the day as Santa will be leaving a gift for them to take home on a day when they are in nursery. Jingle all the way!!*



We will be having lots of Christmas fun throughout the month of December with lots of music, treats and games! 😊



We have always been very appreciative of your kindness and generosity at Christmas time and even more so throughout this year, but we ask that you would consider making a voluntary contribution to charity or a food bank as an alternative to providing Christmas gifts.

We are genuinely appreciative of your thoughtfulness but, really to us, our thanks is having the pleasure of spending time with all your little treasures and having the privilege of watching each of them grow in independence, personality and 'wisdom' 😊 😊

Staff will be getting into the festivities by wearing Christmas Jumpers every Friday. We can't wait to see all your lovely jumpers/dresses/shirts/headbands etc.....!! 😊 😊



### **CHRISTMAS EVE – EVE (FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Come along to nursery in your Christmas PJ's. Everyone will be full of Christmas spirit and fun, so we are going to have a very chilling PJ Day!!



### **CHRISTMAS CLOSURE**

**Nursery will be closed from MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER and will re-open again on TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2023.**

**And finally: May we take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your continual support throughout this year and to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.**

Thank you – from all in Toddlers.

