



Jolly Rodgers Preschool Newsletter December 2023

THIS MONTH'S WE ARE LOOKING AT '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 will be all about 'what do we celebrate'. We will be talking about Christmas and how exciting it is and why we are celebrating. We will also talk about Christmas trees, snowmen and lots more festive objects.

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

Santa Claus is coming to town
Rudolph the red nose reindeer
We wish you a merry Christmas
When Santa got stuck up the chimney
Frosty the snowman
And everyone's favourite...*Jingle Bells*



THIS MONTH'S COLOUR –WHITE

The water tray will contain white objects & items throughout the month. We will also be experimenting with ice in the coming weeks.

Our individual sand / foil tray's will be filled with 'all things Christmas' such as baubles, cotton wool, Acorns, dried oranges and jingle bells.

We will be having lots of merry messy fun in our sensory trays with glittery shaving foam snow, Santa's belly jelly, Christmas custard, red play dough with Christmas Cookie Cutters and sprinkles, Christmas pasta and much more.

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

We will be doing:

Santa beard countdown

Christmas Wreaths

Reindeers

Christmas clay decorations

Christmas Baubles

Fingerprint Christmas lights

Snow globe decorations

Decorating the Christmas tree and making a large tree using paper plates

And plenty more sparkly Christmas artwork

All art work will include gluing, sticking, colouring, painting and cutting

We will also be doing a lot of cooking activities this month this will include Christmas shaped cookies and much more yummy ideas

THIS MONTH THE LOFT WILL BE "CHRISTMAS KITCHEN THEMED AND SANTAS SENSORY WORK SHOP"

Downstairs will be transformed into a Christmas themed sensory den. Upstairs will be Santa's Workshop where we can discuss what happens in Santa's grotto and how he prepares for Christmas Eve and how the elves make all the fantastic toys we ask for in our Christmas lists.



THIS MONTH'S CIRCLE TIME

Within the classroom we will use “Circle Time” to read stories, poems etc to develop each child’s love of books and language.

Our stories this month will include the following topics:

Christmas
Santa
Snowmen
Winter
Weather
Snow / Ice

We will also use “Circle Time” to discuss Christmas time. In addition, during circle time children will have an input to make plans and they will also discuss what they have liked in the room and anything they would like to change. Their input and feedback will help staff shape plans to meet the children’s interests and needs.



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:

No birthdays this month!! 😊

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

We will be outside everyday – please supply coats, hats and gloves. The children will be introduced to a variety of games and outdoor equipment. We will continue to develop our outside nature garden and growing activities and investigating in Fairyland forest.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Jolly Rodgers staff are here to discuss any aspect of pre-school with you at anytime, either speak to one of us directly, phone or email and we will get back to you.

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 £340.00!!! 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 - EVE (FRIDAY 22nd)

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 25th DECEMBER** and will re-open again on **TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY 2024**.

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 pre-school.

