



Maidenhead Nursery School

December 2018 Newsletter

The Children's Learning



The visit from Zoolab was a real success. The children were very adventurous and handled various animals with great care and confidence. The animals included a giant millipede with over 400 legs, a couple of hissing cockroaches, a tortoise and a bearded dragon. The children were able to ask lots of interesting questions such as "Why do they hiss?" and "What do they eat?"

As we are rapidly approaching the Christmas break we have been doing winter/Christmas related activities such as designing and creating decorations, making cards and listening to the story of 'The Fir tree' ahead of the Norden Farm visit. We hope that those of you who attended the performance enjoyed it and will have great memories of it and plenty to talk about. We have also been listening to the story of Little Robin Red Vest, reflecting on kindness and giving at Christmas time, and practising counting and ordering numbers.



We are looking forward to singing around the tree and as it approaches will be making mince pies and gingerbread men to

offer to our guests. We have started practising our Christmas songs and have added a couple of new songs to our repertoire which we are really enjoying.



We are looking forward to our Christmas parties. We understand that many of our families don't celebrate Christmas as Maidenhead Nursery School is very lucky to have a diverse community. We teach children to respect the views and opinions of others and focus on

Christmas as a story about a birthday. Please do speak to a member of staff if you do not wish your child to be involved in listening to the story of baby Jesus' birth.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

from all at Maidenhead Nursery School!



Thank you!



- ◆ For your kind Christmas present donations for the DASH charity. The staff were overwhelmed by your generosity
- ◆ To all of you who have paid the voluntary school fund contribution through the school money system. This helps to pay for Christmas presents for the children, food for our pets and additional resources. If you haven't had chance to make the payment we would be most grateful if could do so in the New Year.
- ◆ For signing the petition regarding the funding for Nursery Schools, we really value your support on this matter.
- ◆ Thank you for those of you who kindly volunteered to wrap the children's Christmas gifts, it has saved us so much time.



Christmas Events



Singing around the Christmas tree

The children have enthusiastically been learning Christmas songs and we hope that you will be able to join us on Wednesday 12th December at 10.45am or 2.30pm to sing along with us!

We will be doing the singing outdoors so please wrap up warm. Parents, carers and friends are invited to attend and we love audience participation so please practise the songs at home! There will be hot chocolate and mince pies on offer during the singing. If your child does not usually attend on a Wednesday please bring them in for the times above accompanied by an adult.



Children's Christmas Parties

Afternoon Party - Tuesday 18th December 12 midday - 2.30pm (Nursery closed in the morning).

Morning Party - Wednesday 19th December 9.15 - 11.45 am (Nursery closed in the afternoon).

Children who attend 3 days should have been allocated the afternoon party. As we are keeping our fingers crossed for a visit from Santa Claus children can only attend one party.

We will be asking for donations of party food the lists are already up in the entrance - please sign your name against what you are able to contribute. Food should only be brought in on the day of the party due to lack of storage. Thank you!





Dates for Your Diary



Wednesday 12th December - Singing around the Christmas Tree

Tuesday 18th December - **Nursery closed in the morning** - Children's Christmas Party 12 midday - 2.30pm. Santa's grotto visiting.

Wednesday 19th December - Children's Christmas Party 9.15am - 11.45am. Santa's grotto visiting. **Nursery closes in the afternoon for the Christmas holidays**

Thursday 3rd January - **INSET DAY NURSERY CLOSED.**

Friday 4th January - **HOME VISITS NURSERY CLOSED.**

Monday 7th January - **NURSERY CLOSED** - New Entrants only today.

Tuesday 8th January - **Children return to Nursery.**

Friday 15th February - Beak up for half term break

Monday 25th February - All children return after the half term break.



Speech Technique of the Month

Have conversations

Making comments instead of asking questions will encourage your child to respond - 4 comments to every question.

Pause between sentences to give your child time to process information. Give them 10 seconds at least to respond.

Young children find it easier to talk about something they are looking at or doing.



BAD WEATHER CLOSURES

Please be advised that we always endeavour to open Maidenhead Nursery School however if the weather is extreme and staff are unable to get to school or the school site is considered slippery and unsafe we may need to close for health and safety reasons. In the event of bad weather parents should check the RBWM website - www.rbwm.gov.uk, our website - nurseryfederation.co.uk and/or listen to Heart Thames Valley or BBC Radio Berkshire for school closure announcements.

