

Dear Parents,

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all later at St. John's church for our nativity. If you take photos please remember that you need permission from children's parents before you post any photo of someone else's child on social media.

Next week we have our Christmas sing-a-longs on Wednesday 20th December at 11.30am and again at 2.45pm. We do hope you can make one of these times. Steve Grocott (or as the children refer to him: the music man) will be leading the singing at York Road at 11.30am and at Hazel Avenue at 2.45pm, staff will lead the other times.


On Thursday 21st December 9-12pm we have our Christmas party with a very special guest! Please ensure that you collect your child at 12pm as there is no nursery after 12pm. Term ends at 12pm on 21st December and starts again on Thursday 4th January.

On Thursday 21st December (Hazel Avenue site) Millers ark will be bringing their farm animals to create a living nativity scene for children to pet and hold. There are two afternoon sessions 12pm – 1pm or 1.30 – 2.30pm. Please contact reception to book a place. Hazel Avenue children will have the opportunity to see the animals during their Christmas party.

This year the children's centre groups will finish on Friday 15th December with groups restarting again on Monday 8th January 2018. The children's centre activity timetable for January 2018 will be in circulation from Friday 15th December. You will notice that there have been some changes to the groups and sessions which will allow us to work more across both Hazel Avenue and York Road sites.

Bullying is always difficult and understandably very emotive for all concerned, it can also be hard to explain. Hopefully this simple explanation might help both adults and children:

S.T.O.P. BULLYING



When is it bullying?

Several
Times
On
Purpose

What should you do?

Start
Telling
Other
People

INSPIRING · LEARNING · ACHIEVING

Kind regards

Sally Cave
Head teacher

Dates for your diary:

Weds 13th December 4.30pm: Family nativity at St John's Church, Stoke for all the family.

NB: no tea club

Thursday 14th December: Christmas lunch for all children and staff

Fri 15th Dec: Christmas jumper day, children may come wearing a Christmas top/jumper and we will be collecting voluntary donations for Save the Children.

20th Dec 11.30am and 2.45pm: Christmas sing along, parents invited

21st Dec 9am-12pm: Christmas party for all nursery children, staff and Santa! Parent volunteers, hopefully! **Nursery term ends at 12pm for all, no afternoon nursery or tea club**

21st Dec – Miller Ark Children's Centre activity. Please enquire at reception.

22nd Dec-3rd Jan inclusive: no nursery and no holiday club

Spring term:

Thurs 4th Jan: Nursery term starts

Week beginning Mon 5th February: parent meetings

12th-16th Feb: half term with holiday club

Mon 19th Feb: Centre closed for inset day 3

Thurs 1st March: 5-5.30pm Bedtime stories event

Tues 6th March 2.30-3.30pm and Thurs 8th March 9-10am: Everybody read together

Fri 23rd March: sports day

Thurs 29th March 9-12: Easter party with egg hunt. Term ends at 12pm

3rd-6th April and 9th-13th April: Easter holidays with holiday club