

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to seeing you all at one of our **tree decorating sessions**, I shall be at York Road on Friday for the session there and at Hazel Avenue on Monday. The children have been very busy making their decorations.

The children are loving practising the **Nativity** songs and are getting very excited about singing for you at St. John's Church, Stoke on **Wednesday 13th December at 4.30pm**. It would be lovely if the children come dressed as one of the Nativity characters, for example:

- An angel
- Shepherd
- King
- Mary
- Joseph
- Sheep
- Donkey

If you need any help please just speak to your child's key person.

We are hoping that the children will join us at the front of the church to perform the nativity but if they would rather stay sitting with you that is absolutely fine too.

You can park in the Lido car park or meet staff at either nursery to go together to the church. It is an easy walk from York Road and staff will be leaving York Road nursery at 4pm. It is a bit longer from Hazel Avenue so some staff will be taking the bus from outside the nursery at 4.02pm to the church. The bus costs £2.50 return for adults with children under 5 free, older children are £1.25.

We will be serving some refreshments after the nativity in the church hall.

There are plenty of seats in the church so please bring grandparents, siblings, friends etc.

Karen at Hazel Avenue will not be in work from the end of this week till the start of the summer term as she will be having four months of chemotherapy. I know you will join us in wishing her all the very best.

Kind regards

Sally Cave
Head teacher

Dates for your diary:

1st Dec 2.30pm and 4th Dec 9am: Decorate the Christmas tree, parents invited

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

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Fri 15th Dec: Christmas jumper day

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

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