

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely talking to some of you at the workshop on applying for a primary school place. The presentation on how to apply will be on our website shortly. If you have any questions, do talk to us as soon as possible.

York Road site had a **fire drill practice** this week, the children did very well and sensibly left the building with the staff. Everyone had left the building and reached the assembly point in one minute. Hazel Avenue will have their practice soon.

Please note that the whole centre/nursery will be closed on **Friday 24th November** for our second training day.

Christmas is fast approaching! You have had the dates of our celebrations in previous newsletters and now here are some more details. Each event will take place at both York Road and Hazel Avenue with the exception of the nativity.

1st Dec. at 2.30pm and 4th Dec. at 9am: **Decorate the Christmas tree.**

Every child will be making a decoration in the coming weeks. We will then all gather in the hall to dress the tree and turn on the lights. We are doing this event twice on both sites to ensure that every child is included. Please do join us on one of these dates.

Weds 13th December at 4.30pm: **Family nativity at St John's Church, Stoke**

NB: no tea club

All of our families from both sites are invited to join us for the nativity followed by refreshments. The children are busy learning the songs and the Christmas story. They are welcome to dress up if they wish to, ideally as someone or something associated with the Christmas story, it really doesn't matter if we end up with 10 Marys! Grandparents, friends, siblings etc. are all invited. You can meet us at the church or if you'd rather you can meet us at nursery and we can walk to the church together. I do hope you can all make this, it will be your one and only chance to see the staff pretending to be camels!

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

If your child doesn't usually attend, or have lunch on Thursdays but would like to come for the lunch, please book them a lunch by 6th December (cost is £2.50); they are very welcome. They need to arrive at 12 (morning children will stay on) and be collected at 12.45pm or you could pay for the whole of the afternoon and get some Christmas shopping done! An afternoon session is £17 for 3 year olds and £18 for 2 year olds.

We would really love some **parent volunteers to help us** with the Christmas lunch please. We need help setting the tables, serving the children and clearing up afterwards please. If you are able to help please give your name to reception.

Fri 15th Dec: **Christmas jumper day**

Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper (please name it) and bring in a monetary donation for Save the Children.

20 Dec 11.30am and 2.45pm: **Christmas sing along**

Please do come along and listen to the children singing their favourite Christmas songs.

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21 Dec 9-12: Christmas party for all nursery children

Nursery term ends at 12pm for all, no afternoon nursery or tea club

All children are invited to the party regardless of whether they usually attend on Friday mornings. They will be decorating biscuits and other such messy activities so party clothes probably not ideal! Please can we ask for **some parent volunteers to help us with the party?** If you are able to help please talk to your child's key person.

Kind regards

Sally Cave
Head teacher

Dates for your diary:

Fri 24th Nov: Nursery and Centre closed for inset day 2

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21 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