

December is a very busy month for the nursery during the run up to Christmas with Nativities, parties, Christmas dinner, staff Christmas do ☺ and children involved in lots and lots of Christmas activities. As you can imagine the planning for children and activities in December is all based around Christmas and your children will be coming home towards the end of the month with a Christmas folder containing all their Christmas hard work. Please pay attention to dates on the next page so you don't miss special events like the family Christmas party at Sheldon Heath Social as well as Heroes nativity etc

For those of you waiting for the return of photographs the photographer has said due to the time of year photos may take a little longer so expect them anytime week commencing 10th December.

Rolos white board is now up and running again which has made the children very happy. Heroes white board should be working by Monday 3rd courtesy of one of our parents. Mr H thank you very much.

Nanny Shirley has not been in nursery for a while as she is poorly at the moment. We wish her a speedy recovery as the children are missing their wonderful stories she tells. For those of you that haven't heard of nanny Shirley she comes into the setting to tell stories to each age group.

Our Topic book at nursery for October is
How Many Quacks till Christmas ...?

Find out what we are up to on a daily basis by



following us on **TWITTER**; search for swansyardley. Or go to our nursery website and read our room blogs or learn about future events on www.littleswans.org.uk

Heroes News We have been so busy lately practicing our nativity ready for Christmas. We cant wait for our parents and family to come and watch. We have worked so hard rehearsing as well as learning all the songs. But we have had a great time and are getting really excited waiting for Christmas. We will also be taking our nativity down to Carrs Lane to perform to the nannies and grandads. There are so many activities we will be involved in this month such as; making Christmas cards, tree decorations, Christmas dinner placemats, cooking Christmas treats, making crackers etc Whilst doing all of these fun activities we will be practicing our counting skills by counting down the advent calendar we have all helped to make (taking turns to open it and eat a chocolate). We will be learning what Christmas is really all about and why we celebrate this festive season.

Jelly Babies News This month in Jelly babies we will be doing lots of Christmas crafts and making lots of Christmas goodies for you to have before the Christmas break. We will be making a hat, a cracker, calender, placemat and much more. We will be having so much fun dancing to Christmas songs and Christmas nursery rhymes too. We will also be involved in lots of sensory play using tinsel and bells and adding these to water play too. We will be having Christmas jumper week from December 17th. It is also national Christmas jumper day on Friday 14th so put your best Christmas jumper on for the occasion! We are really looking forward to our Christmas parties too; the one at nursery and the family one held at Sheldon Heath Social club. Have a lovely Christmas everyone !!

Smarties & Sweeties News

Smarties will be decorating their room for Christmas this month which will make us very excited..!we will be making gingerbread houses as well as other Christmas treats..

We will be involved in making lots of decorations as well as baubles for the Christmas tree.

We will be looking at colours while involved in the activities and we're guessing red gold silver and green will probably be well known by the end of the month!!

We will be making Christmas cards for our family talking about who we live with and probably who is going to be coming down the chimney to visit us as well as making Christmas crackers and hats for our Christmas party. WOW what a fun filled month !!

This month Sweeties will also be involved in lots of Christmas activities that we will be taking home in our folders.

We will be making cards, tree decorations, crackers, cakes and a lovely Christmas folder. We will be singing all the usual Christmas songs like 'when santa got stuck up the chimney' and will be having a count down to Christmas using our huge display advent calender where all of us will get a turn to open the doors and have a chocolate!

We cant wait for our Christmas party to celebrate with our friends and carers. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas too!!

Rolos News This month in Rolos we will be enjoying lots of Christmas activities. And are feeling the excitement and energy of the Christmas season! We have made a very big advent calender board and each day we will take turns to open it and have a chocolate ! We have been learning the song 'when santa got stuck up the chimney' and are really good at singing it. We will also be learning 'Jingle Bells' and 'Rudolph the red nose reindeer'. As well as making Christmas cards and tree decorations and crackers in between getting more and more excited we will be learning about the season change from Autumn to Winter. We will look at the weather using the 'Little Raindrop' book and the meaning of New Year. This month is going to be soooooo busy 'Merry Christmas' from all of the Rolos

Jelly Tots News We cant wait for Christmas and are doing so much this month with our friends to celebrate; making Christmas cards, making a Christmas display, making Christmas tree decorations and crackers and a Christmas place mat etc. We are learning Christmas songs such as 'jingle bells'. We are also holding a Christmas jumper day where everyone at nursery comes dressed in a Christmas jumper.. We have our nursery Christmas party as well as a family Christmas party at Sheldon Heath Social club for everyone to attend. We have a huge advent calender up that we have all helped to make and will be taking turns opening it and having a treat. And watch out for our Christmas baking that may be coming home with us if we haven't eaten it beforehand ...!! We will continue with our Makaton signs such as 'please' and 'thankyou'. Some of us will be moving into new rooms from January. Our parents have been informed and so will be having some settling in sessions with new friends.

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Dates for your diary: From Saturday 1st December to Monday 31st December 2018

Story Sessions at the library: Alternate Mondays Rolos and Heroes

Nanny Shirley: Every Thursday unless family commitments
Forest School: Alternate Fridays for Rolos and Heroes

Upcoming Events and Dates

December 2018 Dates for your Diary

• Notice for all parents

*Drop in SENCO Session

As Dianne has now left the nursery Rose will be taking over the role of SENCO and will be starting in January 2019

Notice for Parents

- Have you any toys/clothes/high chairs/pushchairs that you would like to donate to the setting that are no longer used. We want to raise money for an interactive whiteboard for Heroes and came up with the idea of selling second hand items to raise money towards this.
- Can we please remind all parents who have children at the nursery under the age of 3 years, that they must provide their child with three/four bibs a day. This is nursery policy.
- Thank you to all our parents who attended parents evening last week. We had a some arents who did not attaned unfortunately due to maintaining ratios during the day we are unable to offer alternative appointments. However you are more than welcome to come into nursery and have a look through your child' work in the office.
- Nursery will be closing on Christmas Eve at 12.15pm (Monday 24th December), nursery will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January 2109. Nursery fees are payable for this period of closure as normal. Parents paying by direct debit do not need to make any changes to their regular paymnets. Parents who pay fees by cash each week need to make a payment of two weeks nursery fees on Friday 21st December 2018, this will cover weeks commencing 24th December and 31st December. Thank you

Wednesday 5th December - Heroes Nativity dress Rehersal at Carrs Lane

Friday 7th December - Heroes nativity practice at the libabary

Sunday 9th December Family Christmas Party at Sheldon Heath Social Club 12-4pm. Tickets on sale at the office £5 per child £6 per adult

Tuesday 11th December - Heroes Nativity performae at the libabary at 2 - 3pm

Wednesday 12th December - Christmas party at Nursery. Pre School children will be having their party at Carrs Lane

Friday 14th December - National Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 18th December - Nursery Christmas Dinner

Friday 21st Decmber - Last day of term for children who attand nursery for 15 hour funding only. Term time only children will return back to nursery on Monday 7th Janaury 2017.

Monday 24th Decemember - Nursery closes at 12.15pm for the Christmas holidays 😊

Staff Training:

Due to Christmas Closure there will be no staff meeting this month.

On behlf of everyone at Little Swans Day Nursery I we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for all your support during 2018 😊

We will see you all in the new year 😊

FUNDING

As we are approaching the end of term and will soon be starting another term I would like to signpost parents to the government site **childcare choices**. This site has been set up by the government to advise parents on funding and tax free childcare available for working parents. If you think you may be eligible please visit the site on complete the online calculator which will provide you with money saving options for your childcare. Thank you <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>