

Christmas is nearly here and soon you will hear the children coming home singing their favourite Christmas songs as well as talking about their favourite Christmas story. It's a lovely month at the setting as the children are engaged in many activities; Making Christmas decorations and things to hang on the Christmas tree, making a Christmas card to go home, using lots of glitter and sparkles! As well as Christmas crackers, place mats and Christmas hats and a very big wall display advent calendar to open every day from December 1st.

Please check dates at the end of the newsletter to put in your diary for December. This will include Christmas closure and fees.

Heroes Christmas News

It is almost that time of year where we will be putting up our Christmas trees and decorations. The children will be using different coloured tinsel and baubles and lights to decorate the tree. The children will be helping to wrap boxes (presents) to put under the tree. They will be using wrapping paper, newspaper and lots of different materials to do this and getting very messy in the process!!

The children will be making their own tree decorations by decorating paper, folding it and then opening it to see the shape they have made which hopefully will be a Christmas tree. The children will be given paint and sticking materials (tissue paper, pm poms etc.) to do this they will then add a star to the tree. The children have been talking about Christmas presents and have already made their lists! Well of course they would!! As a group we will be making a list of presents the children have asked for. The children will be making their own Christmas cards. To do this they will be shown Christmas cards we have purchased to give them some ideas... mmm the children will be using Christmas sponges, Santa, Rudolph, presents and a snowman. During this activity we will make some party hats which will be decorated with cotton balls and hand prints to use as antlers. We will move on to make placemats which will be used for their Christmas dinner!

The children will be creating a display board which will be a big advent calendar! The children have contributed some ideas and have said they want to make presents and help to write some numbers on the board. We will also be learning Christmas songs such as 'Jingle Bells' and 'All I want for Christmas'. We will be teaching the children to use Makaton signs during the songs.

We will be changing our books over to Christmas books and we will be adding a snowman, a reindeer and some nativity costumes to our dressing up box. We will be holding a Christmas party, wearing a Christmas jumper and having a lovely Christmas dinner too!

The Heroes will be taking turns to help empty the Christmas post box and collect their cards from their friends.

Keep an eye out on your child's learning journal for all these exciting activities!! **Merry Christmas everyone!!**



Smarties Christmas News

It is nearly the end of the year and the Smarties are getting really excited about Christmas and the visit from Santa!! We will be celebrating this month with lots of fun filled activities, such as the children creating their own Christmas folders which will be filled with all of their art work that they will take home. They will make two Christmas tree decorations, one will be made from card which they will decorate with sparkly glitter; they will have a choice of a Christmas tree, a star or a snowman. The other decoration will be made from salt dough. Other creative work in their folders will include Christmas hats, Christmas cards with their own choice of decoration, such as tissue paper, sequins and glitter. The children will make placemats with a Christmas design to use for their Christmas dinner both at nursery and at home.

We will still be working on children's communication and language through this period by asking them questions about Santa and Christmas. They can talk about Christmas through the help of pictures. You can help at home by talking to your child about the festive occasion and the celebration of Christmas.

We will be writing letters to Santa and for this we will be using our post box where the children will post their letters. The children will be using mark making tools such as pencils crayons chalk and wax crayons.

Over the course of December, we will be enjoying sensory play with pretend snow and shaving foam. With these materials children can learn and talk about the weather; 'It's cold, look at the snow flakes' 'Do you think it's going to snow for Christmas?'

We will be having a Christmas party in our room and the children will be taking part in fun games such as musical statues, musical chairs and pass the parcel.

Merry Christmas to one and all!!!

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Rolos Christmas News

This month the children will be learning all about Winter and Christmas. We have already begun talking about this festive season and we are getting very excited!! We will be getting involved with lots of fun activities such as making a reindeer Christmas hat using brown paint and tracing over our hands to make the antlers. We will be making Christmas tree decorations using salt dough and we will use our creative thinking to choose the shape such as a star, snowman or bauble. We will be designing placemats using coloured pencils and will use these when we have our Christmas dinner. We will be making Christmas crackers using a variety of creative materials such as card, glitter, paint and sequins too name but a few. We will be designing our own Christmas cards by looking at examples and choosing materials and tools of our choice.

When we make our calendars for the year 2022, we will be using number and Christmas sponges to do this so the children will still be engaged in learning through carrying out fun activities!

We love using our Makaton in Rolos and we will be learning 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas' in Makaton and other signs such as tree, elf, snowman, lights and Santa.

We are turning our role play area into a Christmas home corner by wrapping presents to put under the tree, decorating the Christmas tree and dressing up in Christmas outfits as well as putting up homemade wall decorations.

We will be playing lots of festive games such as Pin the Beard on Santa, searching for elves and reindeers outside and building igloos using milk bottles.

The Rolos will be having lots of fun making a post-box so that we can post our letters that we have written to Santa either writing or drawing what we would like for Christmas!! **Merry Christmas Everyone!!**

Jelly Tots Christmas News

With the festive season upon us we are going to be celebrating Christmas in a big way!! We will be involved in a range of Christmas activities from making a Christmas crown hat for our party, placemats for our Christmas dinner and crackers to pull open! To name but a few!

The children will help to measure and mix ingredients to make a Christmas biscuit of their choice by using different cutters to make a tree, bauble, star or snowman.

As a very special treat we will be getting a visit from Santa who will be giving out presents to the children on party day. The children will have lots of fun dancing to Christmas music and playing games such as 'Pass the Parcel', 'Musical Chairs' and 'Musical Statues'.

To continue with our learning the children will wrap up different shaped items such as a square, rectangle, ball or oval which will be displayed around the Christmas tree as presents.

The children will be making their own Christmas cards using a choice of materials to decorate such as glitter, sponge, paint glue and sticking.

We will be trimming the room up with decorations the children have made with paper chains, salt dough, tree decorations bells, tree, snowman, reindeer and baubles.

We will continue with our fun activities outside in the garden where the children will be given a challenge to find Santa's presents!! Once found the children will place them in the box and then count how many presents, we have collected at the end.

We will also have a big advent calendar wall display and the children will take turns to open up the calendar doors. **Merry Christmas everyone!!**

Jelly Babies Christmas News

During this festive time of year, the Jelly Babies will be taking part in many fun filled activities!

The babies will help their carers to put up the Christmas tree decorations using tinsel, stars baubles, snowmen and reindeers etc.

The babies will be painting and wrapping boxes which will be placed under the Christmas tree as presents.

They will be making Christmas cards using different materials such as paint, glitter and stamps. They will be choosing from three different designs and then adding their own touch. *interesting..*

We will be making salt dough decorations to take home to hang on the Christmas tree. They will get to choose either a tree, a bauble or a gingerbread man. They will decorate these using paint, glue for sticking glitter and sparkles. Our lovely babies will be encouraged to use a paint brush and a glue stick to help develop their motor skills while having fun! We will be making Christmas hats which they will get to wear at the nursery Christmas party...*wonder how long they will stay on their heads for? ..*

They will be encouraged to decorate their hats using different coloured paint, glitter sequins and sponges so don't be surprised if they start to come home with sparkly bits all over them. We will be using a variety of different coloured card for this activity.

They will also be making their own placemats using different Christmas sponges of Santa, a reindeer a snowman and a ginger bread man. Our babies will be encouraged to dip the sponges into the paint and then press it onto the card. The Christmas placemats will be laminated so that the babies can use them for their Christmas dinner at the setting before they go home.

We will be making our own calendars and taking turns to open our wall display advent calendar too as well as making yummy treats to go home such as shortbread cookies.

We will be having a very busy month!! **Merry Crimbo all!**

Christmas Closure

The nursery will close on Friday 24th December at 12.15pm. All children to be collected by this time. We are open from 7:30am as usual.

If your child attends of a Friday please let us know if they are in on December 24th, by Friday 17th December so that we can manage child/staff ratios

There will not be a main dinner on this day but the children will have breakfast as usual and then sandwiches and snacks at 11:30am.

We will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022 usual times

Closure for Grant Children

Last day Friday 17th December
Return on Tuesday 4th January 2022 usual times

Fees over the Christmas period

Fees over the Christmas period remain the same so please do not change direct debit payments.

For those that pay cash the payments are as follows:

Thursday 23rd December two weeks fees due. This is to cover week commencing:

Monday 27th December
and week commencing:

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 2nd December 10am - Elsa from Frozen coming into the nursery courtesy of a parent to say hello to the children and do some singing with them

Monday 13th December - Children to bring their Christmas presents in for Santa's sack. Please make sure the presents are no bigger than the size of a standard box of cereal

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas dinner at the nursery

Thursday 16th December - Children's Christmas party from 2pm to 4pm

Friday 17th December - Children's Christmas sing along. All children to wear Christmas outfit or jumper. We will record and upload onto the journal site

Monday 17th December - Christmas jumper/dress week. Each day the children can come into the nursery wearing a different Christmas jumper or dress of their choice

Thursday 23rd December - Christmas pyjama day. All children to wear a Christmas bedtime outfit of their choice

Staffing

We would like to welcome Robin who has joined us in the Rolos room, Robin has seven years of early years experience in the setting and she has settled well into the Rolos room.

Ashleigh in Smarties will be leaving us at the end of term to take up a SEN assistant role at secondary school. Ashleigh will be missed by all and we wish her all the best going forward. We have Amber joining the Smarties team from the start of term in Janaury, she also has lots of ecerience working in other early years settings.