



Christmas Newsletter

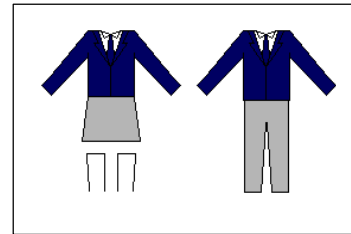
Christmas Holidays

Due to the way the Free Entitlement Funding works this year, we will be closed for three weeks over Christmas. We finish on Friday 15 December and return on Monday 8 January.

Primary School Applications

If your child will be four years old before September 2018 then you must apply for a primary school place. Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

The deadline for all applications is 15 January 2018.



Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held on Friday 15 December from 1pm to 2.50pm. This is for all our Preschool children where we will have an entertainer and hopefully a visit from Santa. If your child normally attends on a Friday their sessions will remain as normal. If your child does not usually attend on a Friday please bring them in for 1pm. Please could you let us know if your child is unable to attend the party.



Christmas Concerts

We would like to invite you to join us at our Christmas concerts on Wednesday 13th December and Thursday 14th December at 2.20pm.

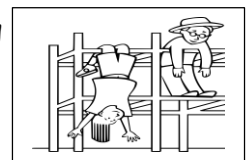
We will be singing some well-known Christmas songs which will be followed by refreshments.

As space is an issue tickets will be limited to 2 per child. If your child does not attend on either of these sessions could you please let Diane know which concert you would like to come to. Can all parents please let Diane know how many tickets you would like



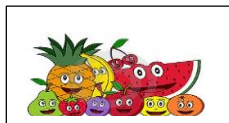
Climbing Frame

Please do not allow your Preschool children to play on the school climbing frame when dropping off or picking up. Thank You



Fruit in lunch boxes

If your child has fruit in their lunch box can you please ensure it is prepared and cut up for them to eat easily. Please cut grapes in half lengthways.



Parent Helpers

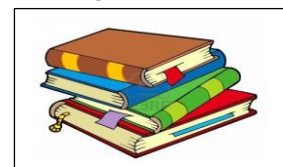
Mums and Dads - we welcome all parent helpers into Preschool. If you have a skill or talent that you could share with the children or a topic that you could talk to them about we would love to hear from you, or if you would just like to come in and join in with a session please do speak to Barbara or Janet who will book a date in the diary.



Bookstart Treasure Gift

Stories, books and rhymes are an essential part of children's development so it is important to include them in their everyday routine. This will help your child to develop the skills they need to enjoy school and do well in their lessons. Children love lots of different kinds of books and sharing them and talking about the pictures helps to build strong relationships. Joining the library is an excellent way to access many books and services. It is free to join, you just need to take in some official identification with your name and address on and once you have a membership you can borrow up to 12 books.

The National Bookstart team will be donating a Treasure Gift to all eligible 3 year olds. The book has been chosen especially for their age range and child appeal. Each child is eligible for only one treasure gift and you will shortly be asked to sign a Declaration form.



What to Expect When

The website www.foundationyears.org.uk has a range of useful information for you to access. There is a downloadable parents guide titled What to expect When. The purpose of this booklet is to help you as a parent, carer find out more about how your child is learning and developing during their first five years in relation to the EYFS.

Term Dates 2017/2018

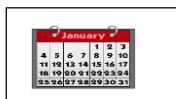
Term 2. 30 October - 15 December 2017

Term 3. 8 January - 9 February 2018

Term 4. 19 February - 29 March 2018

Term 5. 16 April - 25 May 2018

Term 6. 4 June - 20 July 2018



Top Talking Tips

Have fun together - enjoy silly rhymes, share stories and play with sounds - being a bit silly helps get their attention.

