

# FAMILY NEWS

December 2021



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**I hope you are all well and despite the worrying news about the new Covid variant we are continuing to remain positive that Christmas will not be cancelled! Please continue to wear your mask at handover and use the hand sanitiser provided. I will keep you updated of any changes but please remain vigilant to ensure everyone's continued safety. Please see our Covid precautionary measures at the end of the newsletter.**

**Thank you for all your kind donations to our raffle and food items for the food bank at The Roberts Centre.**

**From everyone at Purbrook Day Nursery and Pre-school, we wish you a very Happy, Healthy and Safe Christmas!**

## **Birthday's in December**

Harley Rai is 2

Matilda is 1

Harvey is 2

Jennifer is 3

Oliver is 3

Matteo is 3

**Happy birthday everyone!**



Playing peek-a-boo!



Co-operative art!



Rainbow Fish

### The Baby Snug

Baby group have also been having sensory fun and enjoying the garden too! Our garden offers a variety of activities to develop large motor skills and have fun! Its never too early to engage children in household tasks! Denise and her team have made some changes in the Baby Room and added a cosy den! Children of all ages like to feel enclosed, it is a type of play called a 'schema'. This is one of many schemas and its is how children play and use resources offered.

As Christmas is fast approaching the children will be busy making some little surprises to bring home...

### The Toddler Den

Our Toddler group have been busy being creative and have made a beautiful 'co-operative art' display using paint and stencils. Working together is an important learning tool which helps the children share, take turns and inspire each other!

Sensory play plays a big part in the Toddler Group too, the children have especially been loving the sand indoors! By adding different resources to it, the play can be developed and different learning opportunities offered. The small world Nativity figures are very popular and it is lovely to see the children engaged in the Christmas Story.

### The Pre-School Study

The Cottage Garden is now finished and open! The children are loving our new environment! There is lots more planned for early in the new year, but the mud kitchen and castle slide and climbing frame are very popular!

Our ethos is child led therefore a lot of the activities we carry out are spontaneous from childrens interests. During our Autumn fun the children were fascinated with spider webs so they created their own and more recently enjoyed the book The Rainbow Fish, they cut and stuck their own creations. Remembrance Day is a sensitive subject but through discussion and photos of poppies the children created their own pictures whilst learning about the support our forces give.

Our Christmas tree has been beautifully decorated and the children have been learning about the Christian celebrations as well as Hanukkah.



## Covid

We are continuing to take the following precautions to minimise the spread of covid within our nurseries:

- All staff are continuing to lateral flow test twice weekly.
- Good hygiene procedures remain in place; appropriate cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Anyone with signs and symptoms, particularly a temperature, are to not attend the setting until a negative PCR result is confirmed and emailed. This is to support prompt isolation of suspected cases.
- Encouraging vaccination uptake for eligible students and staff.
- Checking the temperature of anyone entering the nursery.
- Masks to be worn by parents and visitors who enter the building.

## Dates for your diary

### Christmas Closure

**Term time Only children will finish on Friday 17th December and return Tuesday 4th January.**

The nursery will close on Christmas Eve at 6pm (or earlier if no children are in attendance) and reopen Wednesday 29th December. We will also be closed Monday 3rd January as it is a Bank Holiday but reopen Tuesday 4th January. Please let me know if your child is not attending nursery anytime over the festive period.

### Seasonal-Sing-A-Long

#### Pre-School

**Thursday 16th December From 2pm**

Our pre schoolers continue to practice and are excited about singing for you. I have spoken with the church warden and so far, we are still able to use the church. I will let you know if this changes but the Sing-A-Long will go ahead!

### Christmas Fair

**Saturday 4th December 11-3pm**

All welcome to come along and join in the fun!

### Christmas Parties

#### Baby Group

**Tues 14th December 11-12pm**

#### Toddler Group

**Tues 14th December 2.30-4pm**

#### Pre-School Group

**Wed 15th December 2.30-4pm**

All children are invited, invitations to follow. (Unfortunately, due to space parents will not be able to stay).

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