

Newsletter 7

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Happy Christmas



As the end of the autumn term approaches we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are hoping that Santa will find time to visit us in his busy schedule before we close for Christmas.

We also look forward to seeing you at one of our 'Stay & Play' sessions next week. These are on Monday from 1.30 pm until 3.00 pm or Tuesday from 9.00 am until 10.30 am.

3 & 4 Year Old Room News

The children have loved getting ready for Christmas in the 3 and 4 year old room. We have decorated our tree (many times!!) and made Christmas cards and decorations.

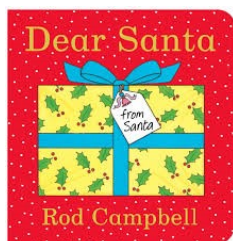
We have listened to the Nativity story and enjoyed playing with our knitted Nativity set. We have also learnt some Christmas songs ready to sing to you all at our Stay and Play sessions next week.

This week we have also introduced each child to their writing name card, which helps them to learn the correct letter formation for the letters in their name. The name card shows the starting dot for each letter and an arrow to show the writing direction. The name cards are available for the children to get from the mark making trolley each time they make a picture, to copy and help them practise the correct letter formations.

After Christmas we will be sending home a copy of your child's name card for you to practise at home as well. For some children just learning to write the first letter will be enough at this stage.



2 Year Old Room News



It has become very Christmas like in the 2 year old room.

We have started to make Christmas decorations and cards.

We have been reading 'Dear Santa' by Rod Campbell.

We have also decorated our room and Santa has set up his grotto.

We are enjoying listening to and singing lots of Christmas songs.

Ask your child to sing their favourite one to you!



Parent Share

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Thank you to all those of you who have signed up to our new Parent Share system. You should now have received an email from 2Build a Profile containing your child's observations from the last few weeks. This first batch will be larger than usual as it contains backdated observations.

Going forward, we plan to send out one email each Monday, containing the previous week's observations for your child. This will typically be 1 or 2 observations.

We hope you enjoy finding out more about what we are doing at Pre-School on a regular basis. Don't forget that we would love to hear your comments and observations from home too. To do this, either reply to the email or email **inbox@2buildaprofile.com** directly with photos and comments.

If you haven't received any observations please let us know.

Long Hair

We ask that for health and safety reasons, children with long hair have it tied up for Pre-School sessions.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Christmas Crafternoon

The 'Friends' of Monkfield Park are very excited to announce that they are holding a Christmas 'Crafternoon' in the main School Hall on Monday 16th December from 3pm till 5pm. You can enter the hall by the side door at any point after 3pm.

There will be a range of crafts available for the children to take part in, which will be priced between 50p and £2 per activity. This event will be tokens only. Tokens are available to pre-order in bundles of £2.50 or £5 or alternatively can be purchased on the afternoon at the main hall entrance.

They are also running a Santa's Grotto from 3.30pm till 5pm - slots cost £2.50 per child and must be pre-booked online. Slots are limited and are booking up fast!

To book a time slot for Santa's Grotto and/or pre-order tokens for the 'Crafternoon', go to

www.pta-events.co.uk/fomp

They need more volunteers to help on the day. If you can help run a craft table for half an hour or in the Grotto please let us know by emailing friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com

We hope to see you there! '

Term Dates

The pre-school closes for Christmas at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 18th December and re-opens at 9.00 am on Monday 6th January 2020.

We are closed on Friday 3rd January 2020 for a Training day in line with the school.

Our Holiday Club will be open on the 19th, 20th, 23rd & 24th December from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm daily and sessions are charged by the hour so you can book to suit your needs.

