

Newsletter 6

Friday 4th December 2020

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Term Dates

The pre-school closes for Christmas at 15:00 on Friday 18th December and re-opens on Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 09:00. We are closed on Monday 4th January 2021 for a training day in line with the Monkfield Park Primary School.

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Our Christmas Holiday Club will be open from Monday 21st to Thursday 24th December. Sessions are charged by the hour so you can book to suit your needs.

The pre-school will close for half term on Friday 12th February and re-open on Monday 22nd February 2021.



Hedgehog Room News

To introduce our new core story, 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy we decided to invite all our children to a pyjama party. They all came to pre-school in their pyjamas, onesies and dressing gowns...even the staff joined in!

We had a brilliant morning, listening to the story and acting out all the sounds that keep Daddy Bear awake. We got the mattresses and blankets out to make our beds, and put the teddies in their beds too!!

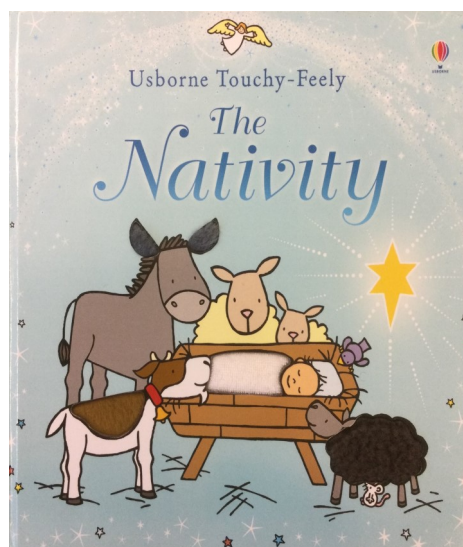
Rabbit Room News

The children in Rabbit Room have been really busy learning about the Nativity Story.

They have remembered so many details and learnt new words such as 'manger', 'precious' and 'Bethlehem'.

They have also really enjoyed learning some Nativity songs for us to sing for you on our virtual Christmas Song Time.

They have been so enthusiastic about the songs and we can't wait to share them you....





Christmas Song Time

The children are busy learning about Mary, Joseph and the story of Christmas. They are also practising songs for our Christmas Song Time which we will share with you electronically before the end of term.

We are going to record the Song Time on Wednesday 9th December during the morning session and would like as many of the children to be involved as possible.

If your child doesn't usually attend on a Wednesday morning and you would like them to so they can join in the Song Time we can accommodate this by swapping one of their other sessions during w/c 7th December.

Please email us using clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk to inform us if the session you would like to swap for this week only.

September 2021 Reception Class Places

The application process for children due to start primary school in September 2021 began on 10th September 2020.

The national closing date for applications is 15 January 2021

Any applications received after this time will be late and considered only in May 2021, after all "on-time" applications, so it is very important that parents do apply by the closing date.

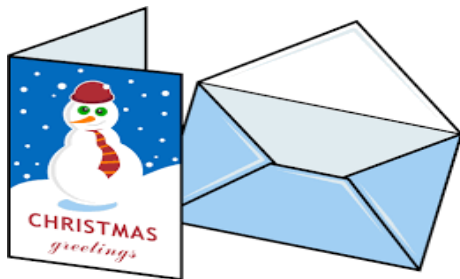
Parents/Carers are invited to contact Monkfield Park Primary School on 01954 273377 or by email office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk to arrange a virtual Reception tour prior to making their decision on which school to choose and submitting their application.



Existing Injuries

If your child has an accident outside of pre-school which leaves them with any visible marks/injuries please inform us of this either by email using our usual office address, phone call or at the gate when you drop them off for their session.

As part of our commitment to Safeguarding all of the children we need to know about any such injuries so they can be documented accordingly.



Christmas Cards

Further to there mail you should have received last week just a little reminder about the procedure in place this year for children wishing to send Christmas cards to their pre-school friends.

In order to do this safely we will be providing a post box in the Care & Learning Centre from Monday 7th to Friday 11th December for children to bring in cards and post them. The cards will be left in the post box until Monday 14th December to allow sufficient 'quarantine' time and then be given out over the course of the following week (14th to 18th December).

Any cards sent in after 11th December will not be able to be accepted and given out.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this and your continued support with our safety procedures.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday 17th December this year. If your child usually hot meals or has an account for ad-hoc ordering you order this in the usual way. A vegetarian option will also be available.



If your child doesn't have hot meals or an account and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner you will need to email us to request for an account to be set up. You will then receive an email to activate the account, set a password and add funds to pay for the meal. Please do this as soon as possible (and by Wednesday 9th December at the very latest) to avoid disappointment should the Christmas dinner sell out.

Children are invited to wear Christmas clothes and accessories on this day.



Diwali Divas

Here is a picture of the beautiful Diwali divas the children in Rabbit Room made as part of their Diwali celebrations.

You will be able to have a much closer look when your child brings theirs home later in the term.