



Little Nursery Newsletter December 2020



Term dates

21st December - Friday 1st January - Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th January - Induction Day for new children only

Wednesday 6th January - Returning children back to Nursery

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February - February half term

Friday 2nd - Friday 16th April - Easter holidays

Monday 3rd May - Bank holiday

Tuesday 4th May - Teacher Training Day

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - May half term

Wednesday 21st July - Teacher Training Day

Thursday 22nd July - SUMMER HOLIDAYS



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

On behalf of all the Nursery staff we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and we will see you when Nursery re-opens to returning children on

Wednesday 6th January.

Voluntary Donations

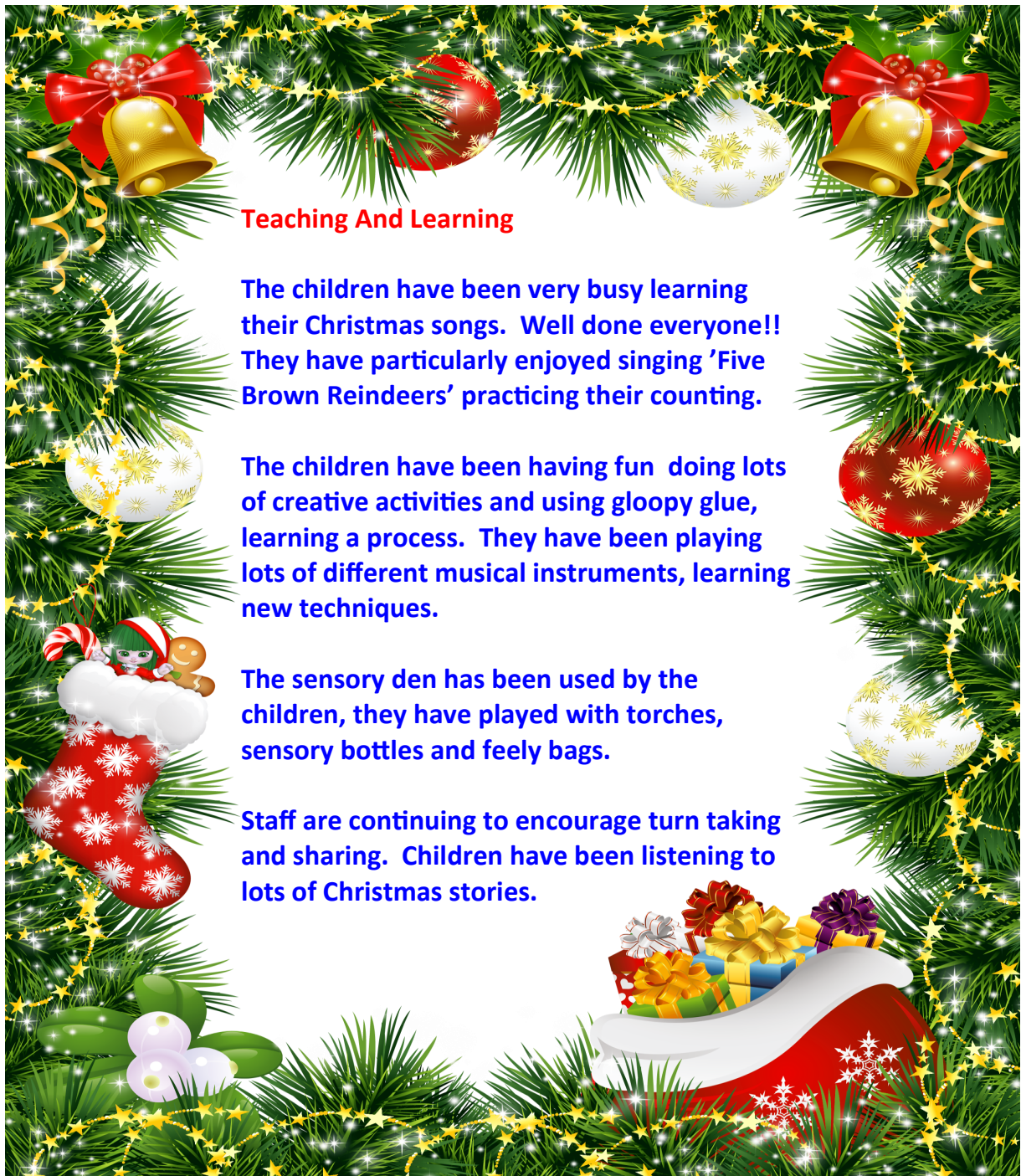
We are excited to introduce you to 'Peppa Pig' in our Little Nursery. Children are welcome to feed a £1 weekly voluntary contribution to Peppa to help raise money for nursery funds for special activities and to buy new resources for the children to enjoy. Peppa will join us in Nursery at the beginning of sessions and will be located in the corridor just outside the room, so please come and say hello.



Parking

Please **DO NOT PARK** on the Yellow Zig-Zags lines outside the Centre. We have had some near misses concerning the children. *You are breaking the law and will receive a fine.*





Teaching And Learning

The children have been very busy learning their Christmas songs. Well done everyone!! They have particularly enjoyed singing 'Five Brown Reindeers' practicing their counting.

The children have been having fun doing lots of creative activities and using gloopy glue, learning a process. They have been playing lots of different musical instruments, learning new techniques.

The sensory den has been used by the children, they have played with torches, sensory bottles and feely bags.

Staff are continuing to encourage turn taking and sharing. Children have been listening to lots of Christmas stories.

Parent Governor

Becoming a governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of our Nursery. Governors play a key role in the leadership of the Nursery, and work together with staff to make sure that our Nursery provides a challenging and supportive environment for its children.

We have vacancies for:

- **Parent Governor**—if you have a child attending the Nursery
 - **Co-opted Governor** — any member of the community.
(This could be anyone living in the local community or a local business person)
- If you are interested please ask at the Reception Office.**

Advice & Support

Family Support Drop In for advice for all families in Warwickshire

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

Duty Line 01926 412412

9am – 4pm Monday – Friday



Family Information Service (FIS)

We provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare health and wellbeing



Phone: 01926 742274

Website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

Warwickshire Health Visiting
TEXT Chat Service

ADVICE & SUPPORT
for parents of
pre-school children
in Warwickshire

TEXT: 07520 615293
9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday

We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only,
which will be charged at your normal rate.

THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY SERVICE
For urgent medical attention please contact your GP or call 111 or 999

CHAT Health

A texting advice service for parents and carers of the pre-school child.

If you have any questions about your pre-school child, or your own health and well-being you can use our texting service 07520 615293 anytime. A health visitor will aim to text you back within 2 hours in normal working hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays).

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British Values Individual Liberty

Individual liberty or 'freedom for all' links to Self-Confidence and Self-Awareness from the Personal Social and Emotional Development section of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. We develop this value by encouraging children to make choices, to develop independence and to allow them to think for themselves. In Nursery, children are able to independently choose resources to extend their knowledge in the indoor and outdoor environment and at Forest School. Through 'In the moment Planning' we take into account every unique child's starting points, individual interests and then scaffold learning to support them with their next steps for learning. This helps children to develop a positive sense of themselves and to become, confident, independent learners. We support this by providing a range of experiences that allows children to explore feelings and responsibility, encouraging children to voice their own opinions but to listen and value different opinions from others.



Absence

Please remember to contact the School on the day your child is going to be absent.

You can text if your child is absent, 07511213751, just ensure you put your child's name and the reason for their absence in the text.



They should be at home until you feel they are well enough to come back to school. In the case of **sickness and diarrhoea** please make sure your child is symptom free for at least **48 hours** before returning to Little Nursery.

When your child attends Nursery, please remember that they will access both the indoor and outdoor environments during their session, and this needs to be considered when deciding if your child is well enough to attend.

Please could you make sure all your phone numbers are up to date if not please let the office know of any changes.

Layers of clothing

To keep children warm when playing outdoors, please can children come to Nursery with layers of clothes on: a vest, t-shirt and jumper.

Please could children have a change of clothes everyday due to COVID - 19.



Emergency School

Closure

For all up to date school closures please see the following website:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/emergency-school-closures-1>



IMPORTANT

Makaton signs of the Month - December

We will be helping children to communicate through Makaton signs and spoken language.

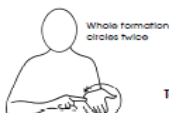


We are proud to say we
are Makaton friendly

Sleigh



Toys



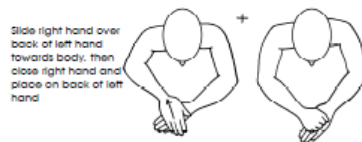
Father Christmas



Christmas Tree



Christmas



Reindeer



Remote Home Learning

We will be supporting our families with Remote Home Learning should your child have to self-isolate. This will be provided by text links to our Stockingford Nursery School website –

www.stockingfordnurseryschool.co.uk where daily activities and weekly 'Making Memories' challenges will be posted. Information will also be provided on our Stockingford Nursery School Facebook page.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions and to share photographs of home learning by using our parents email: parents1041@welearn365.com



Coats and bags

Please can you make sure your child brings their winter coats to Little Nursery and you have put their name in both their coats and bags. This would be really appreciated. In their bags could you please put nappies, wipes, (pants if toilet trained) and a spare change of clothes.

Thank you.



Well being corner

Your wellbeing this Christmas

This year Christmas may look and feel very different. It is important to not put on much pressure on yourself so we have included some tips for supporting you and your family.



Tips for coping during Christmas

- ♦ Be gentle, generous and patient with yourself
- ♦ Plan ahead
- ♦ Manage relationships
- ♦ Look after yourself
- ♦ Talking to other people
- ♦ Get support

Instead of going to a Christmas carol concert or service, you could watch one on TV or join in with a virtual choir. If you'd usually share a meal with certain people, such as friends or co-workers, you could plan to order delivery or cook and eat a meal at the same time.

If you usually take children to a Christmas fair or to visit Father Christmas, you could help them write a letter to Santa instead.

Make Christmas crafts with your child to help decorate your tree or home.

If you are planning to give any gifts, you could exchange your gifts in advance, so you don't have to worry about it on the day.

Connect with others

Connect with people:

If there are people you'd like to speak to, you could arrange to talk over the phone or via video call. If you're worried about what to talk about, you could organise an activity to do at the same time. For example, this could be watching a film together or doing a quiz. Let others know your plan. It might help to say that you're happy to hear from them on Christmas day

Go online:

There are lots of ways to talk to people online, including with others who may be spending Christmas alone. Mind's online community **Side by Side** is a welcoming place to speak with others and share your experiences. And British comedian **Sarah Millican** hosts a **Christmas day chat on Twitter each year**, which anyone can join.

For more information, please log onto MIND:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/christmas-and-coronavirus/#collapseb94d9>