



Nursery School

# Newsletter

## December 2021

### Head teacher Update!

Happy December everyone! We love this time of year and have so many exciting experiences planned for all the children. We start the beginning of December with a bang! Our annual Christmas Maths Trail. Our elves Buddy, Eddie and Edward will also be making



an appearance. Please make sure you make a note of the upcoming dates. During all this excitement around Santa Claus, magic and presents, we will be discussing the traditional Christmas narrative, the nativity of Jesus. We will also be discussing other things children can give/receive at Christmas not just focusing on presents but the gift of love, kindness and time. Please support this message at home, there are many ideas on the internet to support this advent period such as 'Advent of Kindness' or 'Random Acts of Kindness', let us know how your child is celebrating, share your ideas on Tapestry and we can celebrate with your child and their friends.

### What's Going on at Highfield

Primary School Applications are now open! If your child is due to start school in September 2022, Please ensure you apply for a school. The deadline is **15th January 2022**. If you require any help with your application then please speak to a member of staff in the office.

**1st + 2nd December:** Maths trail– appointment only

**3rd December:** 4:00-6:30pm Winter Markets at Duke Street Nursery School [#initwithindie](#)

**14th December–** Christmas Dinner– (all children please check your emails)



**15th December–** Christmas cake sale and raffle

**17th December–** Christmas party day and last day of term. We kindly ask for a donation of £1.50 towards the party food and activities.



We will close for the Christmas Break on **Friday 17th December at 3:30pm** Children return in the new year on **Thursday 6th January 2022**



### Weather Change

We love getting outside to learn no matter what the weather may be and with the weather getting colder we would like to ask all parents to please ensure that children come to nursery in warm winter coats, wellies if we haven't already got them on site and hats and gloves when necessary. Please make sure that these are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

It is always our intention to keep school open as far as reasonably possible, traffic delays impacting on staffing ratios are usually one of the major issues, we feel that a full closure could be avoided by arranging a delayed opening. In the event of snow and the likelihood of disruptions, we will aim to text all parents by approximately 8.15am to advise if the school is either closed or a delayed opening time e.g. 10am. If you do not receive a text, please assume that nursery is open. We will also keep you updated on our Facebook page and Tapestry.



### Places still available

Please spread the word, we still have places available this year for 2 year olds and pre-school children. Tell your friends and share our Facebook posts so we can reach far and wide. Don't forget to tell people how unique we are and the difference we have made to your child. Our staff are so passionate about providing the best for EVERY child, it's always sad when we have spaces available.



### Food Banks

*We appreciate even if you try to keep things to a minimum, Christmas can be a very difficult and stressful time of year. Some parents for no fault of their own, will struggle to keep up with extra expense it may bring, especially during this difficult year. Please do speak to us and we will do our best to ensure you get access to community support. We work very closely with Living Waters and other charities who provide food hampers to parents in need, so please do come and speak to me or another senior member of staff.*

### How to support your child's development at home

Each week we send out a weekend workout on tapestry, this relates to what the children have been learning and what they will be learning the following week. We also suggest some ideas on activities you can do with your children at home. Please make sure you log on to tapestry. We would also welcome any feedback on our weekend workouts. What works well and what you feel could be improved. Please email [natalie@highfield-nur.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:natalie@highfield-nur.lancs.sch.uk) with any comments/feedback.



### Healthy Heroes

Please encourage your child to brush their teeth every morning and night! Choose a family fluoride toothpaste and use only a pea sized amount for children over 3 and a smear for children under 3. Children need help brushing their teeth until they are at least 7 years old!

