

Parent Newsletter
November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it's that time of the year already? It seems to have flown by and the end of term is almost with us again. Please find a few dates for your diary, covering the Christmas celebrations in pre-school and afterschool club.

- **Christmas Lunch – PS:** The school cook provides a traditional Christmas lunch for all children who want one on the last day of the school term. This year, Christmas lunch will be served on Friday 20th December. If you wish your child to have a cooked lunch on this day, please make sure to order at the beginning of the week. We'd like the children to wear either a Christmas jumper or special party clothes if they want to. We will have crackers on the table and the children will make table decorations the week before. In addition, Santa will be paying us a visit before he goes to see the children in school. If your child doesn't attend pre-school on the day of Santa's visit, don't worry, he makes sure that everyone has a gift on their last day of term, whatever day of the week that is.
- **Christmas Party – ASC:** We will organise a Christmas party for children who attend the ASC on Monday 16th December. We will provide a celebration platter of their favourite sandwiches, with crudites and fresh fruit salad and jelly. It would be great if you could donate items of party food from the list below, to help to create a party menu. Children can make and wear party hats if they want to. They will make festive table-cloths and decorations during the previous week as part of their activities. We will have music and dancing in the Tardis. Children who want to play will be able to play in the PS room.

Please send just one item of party food from the following list from Monday 9th December. Party food should be given to ASC staff and will be available to the children on the party evening:

Crisps/ Pretzels/Pop-corn
Cheese/Bacon puffs/balls
Cake – Cup cakes, flap jacks or tray bake
Biscuits or cookies
Tinned or carton of custard
Alpro (or similar) non-dairy custard/vanilla desert

***** STRICTLY **NO NUTS** or nut products please– we have children with allergies.

- **Pre-school Photographs:** We are very fortunate that our 'in house' photographer, Suzy Abbott, has again offered to take professional portrait photographs of all of the children in time for Christmas. If your child attends on the mornings she is taking the photographs, your child will be included automatically. If your child doesn't normally attend on the photo days, you may bring them in in the morning between 9.30 and 11.00 for a sitting. Photo days are, **Wednesday 4th December and Friday 6th December**. Photo's will be on sale for £5 each; 3 for £10 or a CD for £10 (so that you can print off your own unlimited prints) week commencing 9th December. Younger siblings can be photographed with your pre-school child.
- **End of term** is Friday 20th December and we return to school and pre-school on **Tuesday 7th January**. If pre-school parents would like to join in with our Christmas circle time at 11.30 on the last day of term, you will be most welcome. The children will be singing some Christmas songs that we've learned and you might like to join your child for lunch in pre-school that day too. Please ask for details. Pre-school children can leave early on the last day of term.

Finally, for those of you who are interested, we are offering a **Forest School Information** session to new and existing parents who would like to know more about the benefits of Forest School and some top tips on clothing. This will take place on **Thursday 9th January, 2020** at 9.30 – 10.30 in the Tardis.

In the meantime, happy Christmas preparations and don't forget, the gift your child will appreciate the most this Christmas is the gift of time. So, chillax and enjoy some special 'quality time' with your family and friends.

Thank you for your support!

Caroline, Vanessa and the team.