



Nursery News

2021-22

Issue 2

Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Welcome back after our half term holiday! We have lots going on especially in the run up to Christmas. Please check out our important dates below– especially our Christmas concert.

I would like to welcome our new children who have just joined Tudhoe Moor Nursery this week- I'm sure your child will settle in well and enjoy their time here.

Julia Hymers– Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th November to Friday 19th November	New shelter installation (please see page 2)
Friday 19th November	Children in Need (non-uniform day– Pudsey ears if you wish!)
Week of Monday 6th December	Christmas Nativity performances (please see page 2)
Wednesday 8th December	'The Greediest Christmas Elf' performance
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Week of Monday 13th December	Santa's Grotto visits (please see page 3)
Tuesday 14th December	Christmas Dinner day
Wednesday 15th December	Party day!
Thursday 16th December	Last day of Nursery
Friday 17th December	Nursery closed– INSET day. Open as normal for Green Group
Tuesday 4th January	First day back to Nursery

New shelter installation

The white shelter in our playground is being replaced with a new wooden structure. This will be watertight and allow our children to have a new space to put on their wellies and waterproofs. There will also be a small baby garden next to the new shelter which will allow our children to interact with the babies from Jack in the Box and vice versa. This work is due to start on Monday 8th November and last for around 2 weeks. This may affect our dismissal routine but we will not know more until we see the fencing put up. I shall keep you updated on this situation.

Remembrance Day

We will have poppies on the door each morning available for a donation.

There are also a few pin badges remaining for £2.00 each.

Children will be watching a short and age-appropriate video on Thursday
11th November in school.



Christmas Nativity play



We cannot wait to have our Christmas Nativity performance back again! Each group of children will perform a mini Nativity with lots of festive songs (and of course, adorable costumes!) throughout the week of Monday 6th December. We have grouped children according to the hours that they do. Parents are invited to come and watch, but please let Tracy know which performance you will be attending and how many tickets you require. We can guarantee that each child can have two tickets, but if you would like more, please speak to Tracy who will check out availability and allocate accordingly.

There are to be no photos or videos taken during the performance, but there will be an opportunity at the end for you to spend time with your child in their costumes so that you can take some photos of them alone.

Monday 6th December	9.30AM	Blue and Red groups
Monday 6th December	1.00PM	Yellow and Purple PM groups
Tuesday 7th December	9.30AM	Yellow and Purple AM groups
Tuesday 7th December	1.00PM	Green Group
Wednesday 8th December	1.00PM	Green Group
Thursday 9th December	1.00PM	Blue and Red groups

The Greediest Christmas Elf performance



We have invited a theatre company in to Nursery do a mini-production for the children lasting around 45 minutes. They have been in to perform in previous years and have been a real hit with the children!

There is no cost for this experience. If your child does not attend Nursery on a Wednesday, they are still able to come in for the show. Please speak to Tracy so that she can give you the timings.



Christmas Jumper Day

Children can come into Nursery on Friday 10th December wearing a festive jumper or outfit. If parents would like to make a donation, this will go towards 'Save the Children' charity.

Santa's Grotto at Spennymoor Town Hall

Children will be visiting Santa on Monday 13th or Thursday 16th December. As we have a large number of children we will be going in three groups:

Monday 13th December at 10.00am- Yellow and Purple AM group

Thursday 16th December at 10am- Red and Blue group

Thursday 16th December at 1.30pm- Green and Purple PM group



We plan to walk to Spennymoor Town Hall (around 30 minutes) and back again. As the children are so young we need lots of volunteers in order for the visit to go ahead. We would like to ask if there are any parents that can come with us for this lovely experience. If you can attend, please let Tracy at the office know. We will be leaving approximately 30 minutes before the time given above.

If your child does not attend Nursery on the date chosen for your group, you are welcome to join us there and meet Santa. Every child is given a present from Santa- last year this was a selection box.

Christmas Dinner Day

Children will be having a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 14th December. Staff sit with the children and enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, with crackers, hats and festive music. If your child usually has packed lunch and you would like them to try Christmas dinner for a cost of £2.10, please let Tracy know. If you would like your child to still have packed lunch on this day, please can you also let Tracy know.



Party day

We have invited Candy Kids back into Nursery on Wednesday 15th December for all children to have their Christmas party. Children can come in wearing their party clothes– but please remember to still bring a coat and sensible shoes in case we go outside! If your child does not attend Nursery on a Wednesday, please let Tracy know and she will give you the timings so that your child can attend.

Fundraising

We will be selling reindeer dust and reindeer hot chocolate during December to help raise money for our school fund. We use this money to help pay for ingredients to make playdough and to bake with the children.

Tracy will also be running a chocolate and bottle tombola. If you have any chocolates, sweets or bottles that you would like to donate, please give them to Tracy. The bottles can be alcoholic, non-alcoholic, or other types of bottles such as shampoo etc! Tickets will be available to buy during our Christmas Nativity performances for £1.00 a strip and the winners will be picked at the end of term.



School places

REMINDER: Applications for your child's place at Primary School close on Saturday 15th January 2022. Could you please let Tracy know when you have submitted your application and which schools you have chosen.

If you need any help with applications, please speak to Mrs Hymers or Miss Bond.

Parents comments

If you have any questions or comments about anything in the newsletter or nursery in general; or you would like further information about anything to do with nursery, please see a member of staff or contact us on: 01388 816112 or e-mail: tudhoemoor.nursery@durhamlearning.net

If you would like to have a more in-depth discussion about anything, you can make an appointment to speak to with your child's key worker or Mrs Julia Hymers (Head Teacher). Please book these appointments through Tracy at the office.

What are we learning this half-term?

Our main theme this half term is “All Around the World” we will be learning more about where we live as well as celebrating:

- Bonfire Night (with toasted marshmallows)
- Christmas

Children are now developing their self-help skills and many of our children can put on their own coats and wellies. We will be continuing to practise these skills as well as doing up zips independently.

We have had a focus on children identifying the first initial in their name. We ask them to ‘write’ their name on every piece of work they do. At this stage it may not look like their name but it is important that they realise that the marks they make have a meaning. Each child has a name card that they can copy their name from until they can write it independently.

For our new starters, we have a big focus on sharing stories and learning nursery rhymes with numbers up to five such as Five Little Speckled Frogs, Five Little Ducks etc. We are spending lots of time ensuring that they get used to our rules and routines and joining in with group activities.

For our children who have been with us a little longer we will be listening for rhyming words in stories. We will also be looking at patterns and practising counting using one to one correspondence.

Lots of our children are still learning how to take turns and share toys. This is a completely normal stage of their development. We encourage children to solve problems like this by playing games with their friends with some adult support and using words such as ‘my turn, your turn’.



Parent governor vacancy

As a maintained nursery school, we are ran by a governing body who meet three times per year. At these meetings, we discuss the school’s performance, any issues that have arisen and how to improve our setting further. Governors are also assigned to different committees who meet a further three times a year to look at specific areas of interest such as our curriculum, health and safety or safeguarding.

We are looking for a parent volunteer to join our governing body. No previous experience is necessary– most of our governors work in alternative roles but we have found that lots of different experiences strengthen us and ensure we look at the wider picture. If you would like more information about the role or would like to put yourself forward, please speak to Julia Hymers, Head teacher.