

Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Welcome back after our half term holiday!

We are very excited to be back and can't wait to get started with lots of new activities and events. We have lots going on in the run up to Christmas; please check out our important dates below- especially our Christmas Nativity!

Amanda Bond – Acting Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th November	Children in Need (non-uniform day- Pudsey ears if you wish!)
Tuesday 6th December & Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Nativity performances (please see page 2)
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 12th December	Santa's Grotto visit (please see page 3)
Tuesday 13th December	'The Clumsiest Christmas Elf' performance
Wednesday 14th December	Party day!
Friday 16th December	Last day of Nursery
Monday 19th December & Tuesday 20th December	Nursery closed- INSET days
Wednesday 4th January	First day back at Nursery

Remembrance Day

We will have poppies on the door each morning available for a donation. Other items are also available: Bands or bracelets £1, Key chains or zip tags 50p

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



Christmas Nativity

We cannot wait for our Christmas Nativity performances!

Children will perform a mini Nativity with lots of festive songs (and of course, adorable costumes!) on

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th December

At 9:30 a.m.

This year we have not grouped the children to allow greater flexibility for parents. You are invited to come to watch one of the performances.

Please let Miss Bond know which performance you would like to attend 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 Miss Bond who will check out availability.

If you are able to be flexible and do not need a specific date please let Miss Bond know. This will help to ensure that everyone is able to attend and that one performance is not overfilled. You will receive a note with your allocated day and number of tickets no later than Friday 19th November.

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.



The Clumsiest Christmas Elf performance



We have invited a theatre company in to Nursery do a mini-production for the children on **Tuesday 13th December** lasting around 45 minutes.

They have been in to perform in previous years and have been a real hit with the children, were sure this year will be just as good!

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Children will be having a Christmas lunch on **Thursday 8th December**.

Staff sit with the children and enjoy a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, with crackers, hats and festive music. If your child does not usually stay for dinner but you would like them to join us for dinner for a cost of £2.30, please let Miss Bond know before Friday 11th November.



This year we have combined our Christmas Dinner Day with Christmas Jumper day. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper / T-shirt or non-uniform if they prefer.

We hope by combining the two events our Christmas Dinner Day will be extra festive!

Santa's Grotto at Spennymoor Town Hall

Children will be visiting Santa on **Monday 12th December** at
10:00 a.m.

We plan to walk to Spennymoor Town Hall (around 30 minutes) and
back again. We will be leaving at approximately 09:30 a.m.

As the children are so young we need lots of volunteers in order for
the visit to go ahead. Unfortunately if we do not have enough
volunteers the visit will need to be cancelled and we will try to make
alternative arrangements. With this in mind we will not be telling the children about the visit
until we have confirmed numbers.



Therefore we would like to kindly ask if there are any parents that can come with us for this
lovely experience. If you are able to join us or have additional family members (e.g.
Grandparent, Auntie, Uncle) who would be willing to volunteer please let Miss Bond know. We
will need final numbers by Friday 18th November so that we can make arrangements.

Every child is given a present from Santa- this is usually a selection box!



Party day

This year's Christmas party day will be on **Wednesday 14th December**.
Children can come in wearing their party clothes- but please remember to still
bring a coat and sensible shoes in case we go outside!

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. As well as subsidising visits to keep costs down for parents.

We 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 Miss Bond. 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 after the final performance.



What are we learning this half-term?

This half term we will be learning celebrating:

- Bonfire Night (with toasted marshmallows)
- Christmas

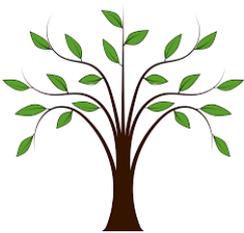
Children are now developing their self-help skills and many of our children can put on their own coats and wellies. We will be continuing to practise these skills as well as doing up zips independently.



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'.



Forest School

Forest school will take a short break from the week commencing the 14th November to allow for Christmas activities to take place.

It will restart in the new year with group sessions taking place as normal.

School places

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

If you need any help with applications, please speak to 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 436000 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 Miss Bond (Acting Head Teacher).