



December 2019 Newsletter

November was a very busy month for the children of High Kirk Community Preschool. Neil Smith, from First Touch football, delighted the children with fun and energetic ball games. Ballymena Primary School kindly invited the children and staff to a Mr Hullabaloo drama performance. November also included learning related to dark/light, space and road safety. To reinforce the importance of road safety, in the car and as a pedestrian, a PSNI officer visited the setting. This informative and fun visit provided the children with an opportunity to sit in a police car as well as roleplay crossing the road. The month ended with our fun filled Pyjama Party, used to reinforce day and night time routines.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 4th November 2019 and parent representatives Mrs Catherine Leith, Mrs Claire Cumming and Mrs Nicole Rock all agreed to stay on for a further year. Our new parent representative for this year is Mr Ionut Sarbu. The staff and committee would like to thank all parents/carers who attended the meeting and welcome our new parent representative onto the Committee.

Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal – as has become a tradition the children in High Kirk Community Preschool kindly contributed to this worthy charity. Once again we thank everyone for their contributions.

Open Day – our Open Day is Wednesday 4th December 2019 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm for prospective parents/carers. **Playgroup will close at 11.30 on this date.**

Pre-school application – *Online application opens on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 12 noon. The Online Portal closes 12.00 noon Thursday 30th January 2020.*

December is a very busy month for the children and staff as well as a very exciting month. All the children have been busy rehearsing for the Nativity. To help the children for their performance in Prospect Nursing Home we would appreciate parents assisting their children in learning the words to the songs sent home during the month of November.

December Theme

Christmas/Winter

Colour

Red

Shape

Star

£

Outstanding fees to be paid this month, thank you. Please place in an envelope with your child's name and payment clearly displayed.

Outings



Wednesday 4th December 2019 @ Dunclug Primary School for their Nativity Play. Prospect Nursing Home Tuesday 10th December 2019. The children will be performing Carols and Christmas Songs. Please ensure your child wears their High Kirk sweatshirt to both of these outings.

Christmas Nativity – Friday 13th December 2019 9.30 am – 11.00 am



Please ensure all children arrive at 9.30 am so they can be dressed into their costumes. Preschool **will not** open before 9.30 am on this day. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to stay for the Nativity and light refreshments afterwards. We would welcome a minimum £1.00 voluntary contribution towards our charity of choice (Northern Ireland's Hospice for Sick Children). Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. (All tickets will be numbered to ensure fire safety regulations are adhered to.)

Refreshments

We would appreciate contributions of tray bakes, mince pies, shortbread, crisps or flavoured mineral water and Fruit Shoots for the day of the nativity. Please indicate on the form in the foyer if you would like to contribute.

Book of the Month - **“Room for a Little One”** is the retelling of the birth of baby Jesus? This time it is the animals in the stable telling the story.

Rhyme of the Month – “I’m a Little Snowman”

Santa Letters



Please return your child's Santa letter before Thursday 5th December 2019. The postman needs to send them to the North Pole in time for Christmas!!!

Writing Table/Craft

Please keep stamps, envelopes and wrapping paper.

Website – www.highkirkpreschool.co.uk please take time to excess our website. The newsletter will be displayed and it is our aim to display photographs of activities held during each month.

Dates for your Diary – Primary School Open Days/Evenings

Ballymena Primary School – Monday 2nd December 2019 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

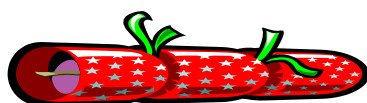
Carniny Primary School – Monday 2nd December 2019 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

St Brigid's Primary School – Monday 2nd December 2019 6.30 pm

St Colmcille's Primary School – Monday 9th December 2019 6.30 pm

Dunclug Primary School - Wednesday 11th December 2019 2 – 4 pm and 5.00 – 6.30 pm

Camphill Primary School – Friday 13th December 2019 1.30pm – 3.00pm



Preschool finishes Friday 20th December 2019 @ 11.30 am. Please ensure all children are collected at this earlier time. Preschool Re-opens Monday 6th January 2020.

Mrs Dempsey, Mrs Wray, Mrs Bailie, and Miss McKeown thank you for your support during 2019.