



HOLLINS WOOD CHILDCARE CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Pre-School Nativity - The children are all busy practising for their Nativity Play, we're sure it will go smoothly!! The Nativity is on Tuesday 13th December at 9.30am in the Church Hall adjacent to Nursery. There will be coffee and cakes for you to enjoy. We should be obliged if you could give a donation for the refreshments, the proceeds of which will go towards buying toys for children for the Cash for Kids Appeal run by Key 103. Please feel free to bring along friends/family.

Photographs/Video at the Nativity - We have been approached by several parents who wish to take photographs/video the nativity as a private memento of the occasion. We have made the decision to allow cameras/video cameras to be used but would prefer it if parents did not put anything on social networking sites of any other children except for their own. If any parent/carer has any questions regarding the above please feel free to speak with either Angie or Amanda. **Mobile phones/cameras should not be used in the nursery building or on nursery premises under any circumstances at any other time.**

Children's Christmas Parties - The Owl's Party is to take place following the Nativity. Children who are not usually in Pre-School on a Tuesday morning are welcome to stay for the party and should be collected by their parents by 12.00pm.

Squirrel's Christmas Parties are to be held on Tuesday 13th December at 2.00pm and Thursday 15th December at 10.00am. Sacha from Squirrels will ensure that you know when your child's Christmas party is.

Under 2's Christmas Parties are to be held on the morning of Tuesday 13th December and the morning of Friday 16th December.

Christmas Opening Hours - Please be aware that for children who attend for NEG sessions only term finishes on Friday 16th December and resumes on Tuesday 3rd January. All other nursery children finish on Friday 23rd December and resume on Tuesday 3rd January.

Adverse weather conditions - In the event of a heavy snowfall throughout the day we will contact parents if we feel conditions are getting hazardous around the nursery and request that they begin to make their way to nursery to collect their child. For the nursery to remain open we need to ensure that emergency vehicles would be able to reach us should the need arise. In the event of a heavy overnight snowfall parents should ring nursery where there will either be somebody available to answer your call to advise if we are open or the answer

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phone message will have been updated. We have staff who live locally and we operate 2 four wheel drive vehicles so we can usually manage to stay open. In the last 2 winters we have only had to close for one day. The council are usually good at gritting Hollins Lane.

Food from home - Could parents please refrain from bringing in breakfast for their child. We have a variety of healthy cereals and toast available in the morning for all children arriving before 8.30am. We do have children with allergies in nursery and all our food is monitored so as not to endanger any child. Also if a child has a nice chocolate breakfast cereal it does create a certain amount of envy from the other children!

Cash for Kids Appeal - We are a designated drop off point for the Cash for Kids Appeal run by Key 103. The appeal is aiming to collect £250,000 worth of gifts for children aged 0-18 years across Greater Manchester this Christmas, helping 10,000 children. They are appealing for new unwrapped toys, books, games, gift vouchers etc (nothing second hand and no clothes) which will be distributed across the region. Babies are always one of the groups that get forgotten about when people are donating hence why we have got involved. Here is the link to the website if people would like more information -

<http://www.key103.co.uk/charity/cfksecretvid/>. The key points are that:-

- 54% of children in central Manchester live in severe poverty.
- 1 in 4 children in Greater Manchester go to bed without a hot meal each night, have no central heating at home and have inadequate school uniform.
- Children helped are referred by social workers, women's refuges, head teachers etc.

There is a collection box for any toys donated in the entrance to Hollins Wood Childcare.

Premises - We appreciate that the car park is quite dark at the moment and have obtained permission from the Church to put floodlights in the car park so they should be here shortly.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

