

Welcome to the December edition of our newsletter, we would like to give a warm welcome to our children and families who have recently started with us.

In our Explorers room, we would like to welcome Beau and Fredrick. In our Adventurers room we would like to welcome Obie.

Staff news

Our Employee of the Month for November is Alex. The staff nominated Alex for being so helpful in the room, for giving 110% effort and always being so happy and supportive. Congratulations to Alex (Lunchtime cover)



November Birthdays

We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday!

Happy 1st Birthday to: Beau, Darcey, Elizabeth, Sophia, Jowen
Happy 2nd Birthday to: Erin, Max, Harper, Zachary
Happy 4th Birthday to: Isabella



Term Dates for 2018

After our Christmas break we look forward to welcoming you back on the 2nd January. Please be aware if you attend on a term time only basis your first day will be Monday 8th January. February half term is Monday 12th February through to Friday 16th February. Please note there is a bank holiday on Friday 30th April and Monday 2nd April. If you are term time only the Easter Holidays start on Tuesday 3rd April through to Friday 13th April.

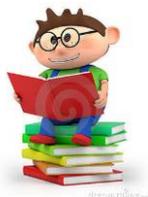
Baby massage

We are pleased to offer a free 5 week baby massage course starting on the 23rd January. Please speak to Sally if you would like more information on our Baby Massage courses, these courses run regularly they are suited to babies under 6 months of age.



Sponsored listen

A big THANK YOU to all those who took part in the sponsored listen we raised £400 which we use to purchase some new special books for all of the rooms. As a nursery for the whole week we recorded that we read a total of 481 books.



Bake off

Thank you to all of you who brought a cake or a slice at our recent Charity Bake off we have raised £166.27 for Children's Hospice South West. We hope you all enjoyed the cakes.



Children in Need

We had a great day wearing our Pyjamas to nursery to raise some money for Children in Need. Thank you to all of you who have donated we raised £61.67.



Recipe of the Month – Shortbread Biscuits

Children love helping you to cook; here is our recipe to show you how to make this favourite dish that we use here in our nursery. Find your aprons and wash your hands.

Ingredients

125g/4oz Pure
55g/2oz Caster Sugar, plus extra to finish
180g/6oz Plain Flour

Method

Heat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5. Beat the pure and the sugar together until smooth. Stir in the flour to get a smooth paste. Turn on to a work surface and gently roll out until the paste is 1cm/½in thick. Cut into rounds or fingers and place onto a baking tray. Sprinkle with caster sugar and chill in the fridge for 20 minutes.

Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes, or until pale golden-brown. Set aside to cool on a wire rack.

Enjoy spending time in the kitchen with your little ones.

Hilary



Appropriate clothing

Now the weather is getting colder, please ensure your children have appropriate clothing including a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.



Bringing food into nursery

We understand that each child's birthday is an exciting time for them and we enjoy being a part of your child's celebrations, however while we are happy to accept shop bought cakes, due to the allergen risk we are unable to accept any items which contain nuts in any form. As part of this we are also unable to accept items which detail 'May Contain Nuts' on the ingredients list to ensure we are

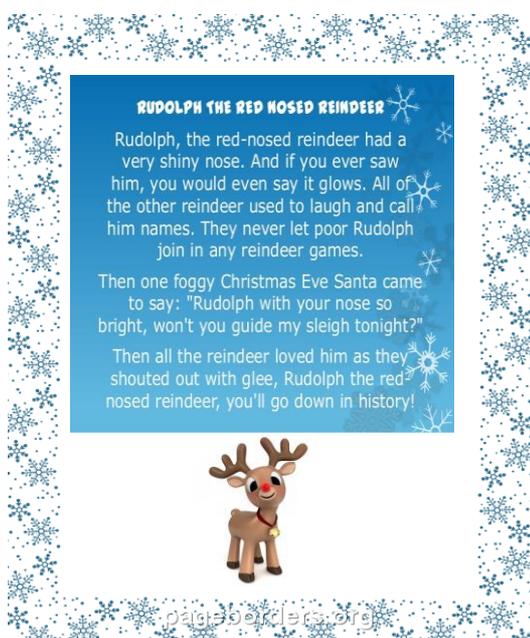
preventing the risk of allergic reaction and maintaining our inclusive approach to all children in attendance. Finally, any food items brought into the nursery must have a clear ingredients list included on the packaging. If parents/carers wish to bring cakes that they have made themselves, we ask that they write down a list of all ingredients used within the final product. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to Dani or Jemma.

Extreme weather advice

Please ensure that all emergency contacts are aware of the password in case of collection during extreme weather such as flooding or snow.

Christmas carols

Here are some Christmas carols for you to practice with your children for the Christmas party.



RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose. And if you ever saw him, you would even say it glows. All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names. They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve Santa came to say: "Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee, Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history!

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When Santa got stuck up the Chimney

When Santa got stuck the chimney
he began to shout
"You girls and boys won't get any toys
If you don't pull me out
My beard is black
There's soot in my sack
My nose is tickling too!"
When Santa got stuck up the chimney
A-Choo, a-Choo, a-Choo!



Happy Days Christmas party

To celebrate Christmas we will be holding a Christmas party for all of the children and families on Monday 11th December. This is an opportunity for parents to come along and join in with some Christmas carols. We will be doing lots of different craft events across the nursery and we will finish with a mince pie and mulled fruit punch, why not come and get into the Christmas spirit.



Wear your Christmas Jumper to nursery

Come to nursery wearing your favourite Christmas Jumper week commencing 11th – 15th December.



Christmas activities – sock stocking craft

Are you looking for something quick easy and fun to do? Why not try creating your own stocking for Santa to fill?

You will need:

A clean sock, fabric glue, Pom Poms, sequins or any decorative bits and pieces from your craft supplies.

Instructions: Glue your sparkles and decorative bits onto the sock; allow drying time. Peg onto your Christmas tree or the mantelpiece and fill with little treats (or wait for Santa to do that for you).

Review Happy Days

We would love to hear your feedback, why not go on a submit a review to

www.daynurseries.co.uk



Please remember...

Please remember to inform the nursery if your child will not be attending for their booked session. This is to ensure that we can monitor child absences and inform other parents should your child be absent due to any contagious illnesses.



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Thank you for your continued support; Dani, Jemma and the rest of the Exeter Happy Days team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.