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Newsletter 4th December



Renfrew Street Nursery School



To update our nursery vision and values, we recently discussed and shared as a staff team what the important values are for nursery to be successful. We also surveyed all parents. The picture above show the results of this survey and what our core values are. The larger words are the ones that were chosen most often. It is clear that the most important values are Safety, Education and Learning, Respect and being Happy. My intention is that these will drive all of our daily interactions between staff, parents and children. These will be reviewed annually. You will soon be able to see our draft vision statement for nursery, on which your own comments will be welcomed, which is the result of staff discussion in October.

Christmas arrangements

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 9th December (all food is Halal and there is a vegetarian option too). We are only able to provide Christmas lunch this year for children who normally stay for Wednesday lunch, however on Tuesday 8th December we will serve the children a special Christmassy snack.



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Santa visit

On Wednesday 16th December Santa will visit the upstairs children (if they sing nicely enough for him to come!). On Thursday 17th December he will visit the downstairs children. He will bring a Christmas gift for all children! Parents are not able to join us for the visit this year (because of COVID) but we will take photos of your child meeting Santa in his grotto!

Parties

Our Christmas parties (one for upstairs and one for downstairs) will be on Friday 18th December. Children should come in dressed in their party clothes and we will have party food, games, prizes and dancing. If your child does not normally come in on a Friday, they can come in for the party. Morning party starts at 10am and afternoon party at 1.15pm. I also please request that afternoon children are collected no later than 4.30pm on this day, because it is a party day and because a staff meeting is planned afterwards. If this presents any difficulty please ask to discuss with Steve.

Film and singing

This year we are not able to have parents and carers in to nursery for a nativity or singing. Instead, some children will be doing Christmas songs which will be filmed and shared with parents and some children will be creating their own nativity film: "First Christmas A Nativity". These films will be shared on Twitter. If you are not able to access Twitter we will be able to share a link to view the singing and film.



Trees

We have received 100 trees from the Woodland Trust for planting at nursery and in the community. Here is Franek planting a tree at home.

A number of other trees have been received by parents/carers. Children will also be planting locally over the next couple of months. If you would like a tree, please ask!

Toy Bank Appeal

Last year we supported the Glasgow Times food bank appeal and had many generous food donations from parents to provide food for those in need. This year we are supporting the Glasgow Times Bank on Us Toys appeal to provide toys for families who are in need and to provide some seasonal joy for children. If you wish to donate a small, new, boxed toy, we can receive it at nursery and it will be collected by Glasgow Times staff towards the end of term. Please do this by Monday 21st December. Please do not feel under any obligation to make a toy donation, as I know that these times are not easy for many of our own families.

Important Dates

8 Dec **Christmas snack**

9 Dec **Christmas Lunch**

16 Dec **Santa to visit upstairs**

17 Dec **Santa to visit downstairs**

18 Dec **Christmas parties**
(4.30 latest finish)

22 Dec **Last day of term**

23/24 Dec **52 weeks children only**

5 Jan **52 weeks children return**

6 Jan **all children return**

As always, if you have any questions, please get in touch, either asking to speak with me, by telephone, or email Headteacher@renfrewstreet-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk.

I look forward to wishing you all a merry Christmas soon! **Steve Rivers**, Head of Nursery