

Meadow View at Stramongate.

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Dates for your diary.

- Tuesday 1st December** - Christmas lunch at school 11.45am
 - Wednesday 2nd or Thursday 3rd December** - Visits to 'Pots of love'
 - Wednesday 16th December** - Children's Christmas songs performance
 - Friday 18th December** - Children's Christmas party 9-11.30
- Nursery closes on Friday 18th December at 2pm and re-opens on Tuesday 5th January at 8am.



Christmas Performance.

As you maybe aware the children have been learning a variety of Christmas and winter based songs over the past few weeks. We would like to invite all parents, grandparents and family and friends to come and join us for a short performance of our songs.

This will be held on **Wednesday 16th December at 11.00am** in the nursery building. Followed by a presentation of achievement certificates to all children for their hard work at nursery this half term.

(Please can you inform staff how many family members you expect to attend so we can ensure we provide enough seats!)



Morrison's Let's Grow.

A **BIG** thank you to everyone who collected the lets grow vouchers, we now have over 1100 vouchers and are very excited about receiving our new gardening equipment. We have been able to purchase a storage box for forest school equipment with Meadow View and a selection of brooms, rakes, seeds and other gardening essentials which we will receive in the new year.



Birthdays in December.

We wish Happy 4th Birthday to Grace and Joshua.J

Christmas Party.

This is going to be held on **Friday 18th December between 9-11.30**. If your child does not normally attend at this time, please feel free to bring them along for the session to enjoy the party with their friends. Please inform Carron if this is your intention.

Due to nursery and school closing at 2pm on this day may we suggest that children who usually attend for the afternoon session swop to the morning session on this day.

The children will play party games, enjoy a festive snack, be entertained by Astronut children's entertainer and have a visit from Santa, who may bring them a present.

To cover the cost of the party and presents we are asking for a contribution of £5 per child, please can this be paid to Carron by Friday 11th December.

Children in Need.

Many thanks to everyone who baked cakes for our stall in aid of Children in Need. Due to the nursery being closed on Friday the fun took place the following Tuesday and we raised £18.85 for Children in Need.

The nursery staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ideas to support your child's learning over the coming month.

December is a very busy time of year for everyone, but here are a few simple and quick and easy ways to support your child's development over the festive season.

- Talk about numerals on their advert calendar, can they find the number if you write it for them on a piece of paper.
- When wrapping presents or gifts for family members, let the children wrap their own 'presents' (empty boxes or existing toys) with the cut offs of wrapping paper.
- When writing cards, let the children draw a picture inside for the recipient or write their name.

If you have more time or would like a challenge, play dough is a very popular area of nursery on many days. Why not try making your own with your child, below is a simple non cook recipe.

1 cup of salt, 2 cups of flour, 1 table spoon of oil, 1 cup of water, a few drops of food colouring, mix together in a bowl adding the water little by little.

Top tip:- Adding the food colouring to the water helps to achieve a consistent colour, although the speckled effect is nice to. Why not try adding glitter instead of food colouring. Please let us know how you get on.

Busy learners in November.



Joshua helps Julie to saw the fallen tree branches at forest school, while Brooke and Sophie wait patiently for their turn. The children showed great pride in their logs and many took them home to show their parents/carers.

We have enjoyed outdoor activities at nursery to. The children can be seen here using different tools to fill their buckets with sand. The children count how many spade or spoon full's are needed to fill their buckets.

Michael experimenting with mark making tools in the sand area.

Jules exploring what the noodles feel like. "Sticky, Icky"



Emily explored filling and emptying containers with pasta and oats. She used a variety of different sized Containers.



Makary shows his ticket, during a journey on the train to Windermere.



