



PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it's that time of year already and the end of term is almost here! It has been a wonderful term and a pleasure to welcome our new families into our preschool community. It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent autumn drop-in sessions and learning conversations. Please be reminded that you are always welcome into the setting if you have any questions, or need to speak to a member of staff.

LIBRARY TRIP: Thank you so much to those of you that have volunteered to help us walk to the library on **Wednesday 6th December**. Volunteers should have received an email from the preschool office, confirming the arrangement. We will be setting off from preschool straight after registration and will be back by 11.45am. In light of this trip, we will be reopening our preschool library next week and encourage you to borrow any books your child is interested in. We have plenty of English books, but would be grateful for donations of multicultural books or books in other languages. We will also be on the lookout for parent, carer and grandparent volunteers to come into preschool and read a favourite story to us. This will be on a casual basis so please let a member of staff know your availability, if this is something you would like to do.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND CAROLS: This year we have decided to have two parent Christmas drop-in sessions. **These will be 2pm on Monday 18th December and 2pm on Tuesday 19th December.** Please indicate which session you are planning to attend, on the sign-up sheet in the preschool office. We will be crafting, reading Christmas stories, singing Christmas carols and enjoying some party food. The children will be making Christmas crowns to wear for the party and are very welcome to wear party clothes! We are going to bake some biscuits for the party, but would be grateful for other party food donations. If you are able to contribute, please put your name next to an item of party food, on the list in the preschool.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Christmas lunch will be on the last day of term, **Wednesday 20th December.** If your child attends this session and would like a Christmas lunch, please make sure you let Clare know as soon as possible, as they need to be ordered in advance. The cost is £2.35. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes if they wish.

SCHOOL APPLICATION: For parents with children who were born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, it is very important that you apply online for your child to start primary school in September 2024. **The closing date for this is 15th January 2024.** Further information can be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions. If you would like to send your child to St Edmund's, please also return a SIF to Clare in the preschool office.

TERM DATES: End of term is **Wednesday 20th December** and we return to school on **Thursday 4th January 2024** (PD day 3rd January). Preschool is closed between these dates.

Thank you,

Preschool Team