

NEWSLETTER

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It's nearly Christmas!

And that means parties, trips out and the Nativity show



This year, the Year 1 children will be singing a selection of Christmas songs, followed by the Year 2 children performing the Nativity story. The show will be held at 10.30am on Tuesday 17th December, after which there will be **no lunch club**.

Cullingworth Preschool is holding the Santa's Grotto and Christmas Fair on Sunday 1st December in the Village Hall, where Santa will be making an appearance in

his winter wonderland, and bookings are now being taken for appointments at £3.00 per child.

The Christmas parties for each year group will take place on Friday 20th December (the last day of term), we ask for a donation of 50p per family towards party food. Please note that those staying for the afternoon session do not need to bring any lunch on this day.

Santa's Grotto & Christmas Fair

1ST DECEMBER

You are cordially invited to our annual Santa's Grotto and Christmas Fair. There will be a variety of Christmas-themed stalls and it is a great place for present ideas.

Many of the stalls are run by Preschool and there is a rota available for those willing to spare an hour to look after a stall during the Fair. It is important that we have enough people to cover each stall.

Please bring in any prizes for the tombola as soon as you can.

We are also in need of lots of jars filled with sweets, toiletries, pencils, crayons or anything else you can think of, as this is one of the most popular stalls and the jars go quickly!

Please help where you can, we rely on our families to make a success of our Christmas Fair, and raise money for equipment and resources for Preschool.

Thank you!

'Parents as Partners'

We have been using the new electronic data system for observations since September, and during this half term we will be trialling the system's feature which allows us to email observations to parents and receive comments back from you. This is an exciting new way for us to ensure that our parents and families can be actively involved in their child's early education. It is therefore important that we have your correct email address. Be assured that this system is secure, families will only be able to view their own child's portfolio and your email address will not be used for any advertising. If you prefer not to use the email facility, please drop in or call to arrange a time for you to view your child's portfolio at Preschool.

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Please don't forget to make sure your child comes to Preschool in suitable clothing for the coming winter. The children will be invited to play outside *every day, whatever the weather!* Would you also ensure that clothing is named. Thanks!

During this half term the staff would like to take the Year 2 children on a bus trip to visit the Woodbank Nursery to look at the Christmas lights and decorations. In order to do this we need to ask for a contribution of £1.00 per child towards the costs of the trip. This will be quite an adventure for those children who rarely travel by bus!

Professional Photographer

A Tempest photographer will be at the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th November. She will take photographs of all the children throughout the two sessions, but if you have older children you will be able to make an appointment to have a photograph taken of all your children together, before they go to school. If you would like to make an appointment between 8.00am and 9.00am, please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible. There is no obligation to buy, but they do make wonderful Christmas presents for family members!

'Fisical' sessions

The children are continuing to enjoy the 'Fisical' sessions which are held on alternate Thursday afternoons, where they take part in a variety of physical activities with coaching from a professional team of people. May we remind you that we ask for a donation of £1.00 per child towards the cost of each of these sessions. On the Thursday afternoons when the Fisical team is not attending, the children all walk down to the Methodist Church where they enjoy singing, dancing and story-telling with other youngsters.