



December 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that December is nearly here. The season of Advent starts on Sunday, December 3rd and ends on Christmas. It is a very special and exciting time allowing us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Advent reminds Christians of Jesus's birth, His presence with us, and His second coming. Throughout December, we will be learning all about the true meaning of Christmas.

We would like to send a BIG thank you to all the parents/carers that support our recent photo shoot event and purchased photos. We are pleased to announce that we have raised enough funds together with the last year's graduation photo shoot funds that we are now in the position to purchase a mud kitchen for the children's garden play area.

This month we welcomed two new members of staff to our Friary Preschool team: Magdalena and Darlene. They have only been working here a few weeks but already feel like they have been a part of the team for a very long time.

The last day of Autumn term is **Friday the 15th of December**, and all children need to be picked up after their Christmas Party at 12.00pm. The first day back after Christmas break and the start of Spring term is **Tuesday the 2nd of January 2024**.

Pyjama Day Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December - Fundraising Event Children/Staff

We will be spending a quality pyjama time with the children talking about bedtime routines, oral health, waking up in the morning and the importance of having breakfast before coming to school. We will also have lovely stories read with the children while the children are cosy wrapped up in blankets. And the afternoon treat for the children will be PomBears and watching a movie. A special guest – dentist from NHS trust will visit children on Friday the 8th of December to have a little chat about the importance of brushing and looking after teeth. We are asking for £1 donation towards children's Christmas gifts and Festive food hamper.

Guess the name of the snowman 4th – 8th December – Fundraising Event

Please join us in this fun game of choosing a snowman and writing your child's name on it. All the snowman's will be put together in one pot for the prize draw. The winning prize is a Festive food hamper, and the draw will take place on Monday the 11th of December.

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th December - Christmas jumpers/ Festive colours

On the last few days at the Preschool this term we would like to invite children to wear Christmas themed clothes, red – green, Christmas outfits, jumpers etc.

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Christmas Party – Friday 15th December 9.00am – 12.00pm

There are no sessions for the children on this day. All children are invited to Friary Preschool Christmas Party. The party starts at 9.00am and children can wear party clothes of their choice as well as Christmas outfits, jumpers etc. **Parents and carers are invited at 11.50pm** to watch the children singing Christmas songs and meeting Father Christmas. Please do not be late for the children performance as it is only a few minutes show.

Online School Application Form

If your child is due to start school in September 2024, you must apply online by visiting westsussex.gov.uk/admissions before the closing date – 15th January 2024.

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Please contact The Friary Preschool office if your child receives DLA funding.

Funding – Funded 2-year-olds and 30 Hours Extended Free Entitlement

Parents and Carers are reminded that it is their responsibility to apply and obtain the necessary codes (if entitled) to cover the costs of additional child- care sessions. Friary Preschool will shortly be submitting estimated child headcount data to West Sussex County Council for the Spring Term.

If you would like your child to continue to attend Friary Preschool and you are entitled to the Funding or Extended Funding, please check that your code is up to date or apply for the new code in good time before, **31 December 2022.**

If you have not obtained a code in good time, then the Friary Preschool will potentially not be able to claim the cost of your child's place and we will need to charge you for the sessions that Funding is not available to be claimed.

If you have any questions or would like any support in completing the necessary applications /documents to obtain the Funding codes, please contact your local Children and Family Centre on 01243 777807 or by email: free.childcare@westsussex.gov.uk.

Preschool Contact Details

For general enquiries, these can be emailed to the Friary Preschool using the email address: info@friarypreschool.co.uk or by telephone on 01293 403873.

Warmest wishes

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