

3 December 2021

**Newsletter 4**

**Dear Parents and Carers**

It is hard to believe that December is already here, and November is over. Last month the children had the opportunity to be Astronauts, Doctors, and Police Officers. A special thank you for those parents, who arranged for Police Officers' to visit Friary Preschool. We all had lots of fun meeting them. Thank you.

Thank you for your support for Children in Need; we raised £ 34.28.

**Christmas**

Throughout December, we are learning all about the true meaning of Christmas.

The children are also learning about St Nicholas, the real Father Christmas.

The children have decorated the Friary Preschool Christmas Tree and have been practising their fine motor skills by picking up Rudolph's nose with tweezers and making scented Gingerbread People from playdough. Each day, the children have been preparing beautiful Christmas decorations and learning about different Christmas traditions.

**Christmas party**

Unfortunately, due to Covid, we are not able to invite families to join us for our Christmas party.

We are still happy to have a party in the Preschool.

All children regardless of which session they normally attend are invited to join the Christmas Party at Friary preschool. To confirm:

Children who usually stay for the morning session on 17<sup>th</sup> December, can stay all day.

Children who do not usually attend Friary Preschool on Friday's are welcome to join the party from 1pm.

Children who usually attend Friday sessions do not need to bring lunch boxes on that day.

Parents are kindly asked to contribute towards the cost of the party by making a minimum donation of £6 per child, to help cover the costs that will include a present for each child from Father Christmas. Parents are encouraged to make their donations soon, so that the party can be budgeted for and preparations finalised. **(Minimum suggested donation is £6)**

Thank you ,in advance to parents for their food donations for the party.

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The children have prepared a short performance, which will be recorded.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, the children will perform the performance outside the Preschool in the playground and parents are warmly invited to attend.

#### Shoelaces

As a part of your children's preparation and transition to primary school, we encourage the children to put on coats and shoes independently. However, please do not send your child to Preschool in shoes with shoelaces if they are not yet able to tie their own laces

Parents and Carers, please do encourage and practice with your child at home putting on a coat and zipping it up.

#### Wipes

It would be helpful if Parents and Carers could include wipes in your child's backpack (even when they are not using nappies), which are very helpful in case of a toilet accident.

#### Covid 19 / Omicron

Since the last Newsletter, Friary Preschool is not aware of any of our children or the Preschool team who have tested positive for Covid 19. To help make sure we are all safe and minimise the risk of transition, we continue to fog Friary Preschool daily and clean the toys using detergents.

As a reminder if your child is identified as having close contact with a positive case:

***As of 29 November, if a child is identified as having had close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, their parent or carer will be contacted directly and informed that the child is required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test.***

***Under 18s who have been identified as being in close contact with someone who had tested positive for Covid, but not the Omicron variant, will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR test (though this is not a legal requirement). They will not need to self-isolate unless they later receive a positive test result or develop Covid symptoms. For under-fives, a PCR test will only be advised if the positive Covid case is a member of their own household.***

#### Tapestry and Facebook

Please do check Tapestry regularly where you will find your child's observations and all Friary Preschool news.

We are also updating our Facebook page with photos related our weekly topic.



Friary Preschool Team

**Wishing you a Christmas that's merry and bright,  
blessed to you and your family.**

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