Blackwood Primary School Nursery Class
December 2019 Newsletter

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Thursday 5th December
(The Big Story – pre-school children only)

Thursday 12th December
(Possible closure for General Election)

Wednesday 18th December
(Christmas Party)

Friday 20th December
(School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas holidays)

January 2020

Monday 6th January
(Nursery re-opens)

Monday 20th January
Stay and Play Session

Friday 24th January
Burn's Day – Wear Something Tartan

February 2020

Thursday 6th February
Book Bug Sessions

Friday 7th February
In-Service Day – Nursery Closed

Monday 10thFor February
Holiday – Nursery Closed

Tuesday 11th February
Holiday – Nursery Closed

Wednesday 12th February
In- Service Day – Nursery Closed

Thursday 13th February
Book Bug Sessions

Friday 14th February
Forest School – Full Day Pre-School Children

Thursday 20th February
Book Bug Sessions

Friday 21st February
Forest School – Full Day Pre-School Children

Tuesday 25th February
Family Learning Course

Thursday 26th February
Book Bug Sessions

Friday 27th February
Forest School – Full Day Pre-School Children

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

All the staff in the nursery class would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The nursery will be closing on Friday 20th December at 2.30pm and will re-open on Monday 6th January 2020.

Christmas Party

The Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday 18th December. The children who attend only in the morning or afternoon sessions should attend their session as normal. Parents/carers are invited to watch their child receive their present from Santa towards the end of each party. Santa will be arriving at 11.15 am and 3.15pm. Children attending full day have been given a letter asking which party they wish their child to attend – please return the letter by Wednesday 11th December.

Children in Need

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the nursery enterprise. The nursery children through selling Children in Need merchandise and having a 'Pudsey Day' raised a fantastic £707 for Children in Need.

Learning in the Nursery

During December the children will have the opportunity within numeracy and mathematics to talk about patterns as well as copy and make their own patterns. In literacy, they will be able to engage in a variety of mark making learning opportunities.

Staffing Update

Miss Hazel Smith who has been a Modern Apprentice within the nursery class finishes her placement with us at Christmas. She has been a valued member of the nursery staff team and will be missed by both children and staff. She is moving on to another placement before completing her course. We would like to wish her well for her future career in Early Learning and Childcare.

Book Bug

Mrs. Strom would like to thank all children, parents/carers who joined her for the four weeks of Book Bug. Overall 49% of children took part in at least one of the sessions and the feedback has been extremely positive with many looking forward to the next Book Bug block in February.

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning is an integral part of our nursery and we would be grateful if your child could come suitably dressed for engaging in learning outside. A number of children are continuing to comment that they feel cold when playing outside. We suggest that your child comes with a warm jacket (you don't mind if it gets dirty), hat, scarf and gloves and that they have a pair of wellies or boots (that you don't mind if they get dirty) that they can wear when outside – the grass area and the mud kitchen can become very muddy!

Spare Clothes

As the nursery holds a limited supply of spare clothes we would kindly ask that your child comes to nursery with a spare set of clothes that they can change into if they get wet from playing in the water tray or playing outside – lots of children like to splash in the puddles and almost all the children at least require new socks when they come back inside.

Nursery Lunches

If your child attends the nursery full time, we would be grateful if you could indicate when signing your child into nursery if they are changing their lunch order for that day. We need to notify the kitchen staff by 9.30am so that they can amend the order.

Question of the Month – November 2019

Thank you to the parents/carers who replied to the question about art work in the group boxes. We are glad that you found the boxes useful but that the current location in the playroom was not convenient. We are now aiming to place the boxes outside the nursery playroom at the end of each session so that children and parents/carers can look for art work that they can take home. If you know your child likes to be creative, we suggest that you check your child's group box every couple of days.