

Newsletter – December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a big welcome to Junior and Jadona who have joined our Explorer room. We are hoping they have a fantastic time joining with all the fun activities and making lots of new friends.

A massive congratulations to Parris who welcomed her beautiful baby boy Alfie-Jay on the 14th November, we cannot wait to meet him!

It's Christmas!



It's the most wonderful time of the year! We have lots to look forward to over this month including two yummy Christmas dinners with all the trimmings, a walk to Highfields School to see their nativity and lots of Christmas crafts.



We will be learning about the story of Christmas and why we celebrate it. We look forward to a visit from Louise the Vicar who will be sharing the story with her lovely, knitted nativity. On Friday 6th of December, we will be taking a bus into town to decorate a Christmas tree for nursery, which this year has been moved into the Butter Market. The children have been working hard the past few weeks to make their own decorations so please do go and visit, everyone's hard work will be on show.



Party Time!

Our Christmas Party is on Tuesday 17th of December, celebrations start at 1:30pm and will finish at 3:30pm. There will be lots of fun and games including pass the parcel and musical statues. There might even be a surprise visit from Santa! The party will finish off with a delicious party picnic. All children are welcome but if it is not your child's day at nursery, please do let us know in advance. If your child is attending our Christmas party, we ask that you bring in a small, wrapped present with a clear name tag, so that Santa can read it. We do suggest that the gift costs no more than £5 and is not edible. A list will be put up in the week leading up to the Christmas party for any party food, if you would like to put your name down to bring something in.

Crumpet

Due to the nursery closing over the Christmas period, we need a home for Crumpet. If there is anyone who would like to take Crumpet home for Christmas (cage, hay and food will be provided) please do speak to Rachel.



Tapestry- A big thank you to all the parents who have been adding to Tapestry to show us what you've been getting up to at home. We look forward to seeing all the exciting things you get up to over Christmas, keep your eyes peeled for a Tapestry challenge over the holidays too.



November

Through the month of November, the children have had a fantastic time exploring Colours, Shapes, Patterns and Numbers. Going out for walks to look for shapes, colour mixing with paint, making patterns with natural resources and lots and lots of number rhymes during 'National Nursery Rhyme Week!' The children also enjoyed celebrating Diwali and Bonfire night, making their own rangoli patterns and painting their own firework filled sky.



Children in need- A huge thank you to everyone who came dressed in spots and donated by buying cakes from our cake sale. We raised a total of **£31.07.** Did you see the lovely picture in the Newark Advertiser?!

Staff training- All the staff have been working hard to enhance their practice by taking part in lots of training:

- Abbie, Demi and Georgia have completed their Early Years Professional Development Programme, bringing in lots of new ideas and activities.
- Rachel and Charlotte have completed training in Emotional Wellbeing.

Starting school-

If your child is due to start school in September 25' now is the time to apply. It is recommended that you do fill out all four preference slots, due to high demand in schools.

Dates for the diary



- 2nd December -Highfields School Nativity
- 4th December – Louise the Vicar (Nativity Story)
- w/c 9th December- Christmas Tree Festival
- w/c 9th December- Christmas jumper week
 - 17th December- Christmas Party Day
 - 18th December- Christmas Dinner
 - 20th December- Christmas Dinner
 - 20th December- Last day of funding
- 24th December- the last day before Christmas, Nursery closes at 1pm
 - 2nd January- Welcome Back
- Monday 6th January- Funded back to nursery.



All the staff at Balderton Village Day Nursery would love to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy new year. We will see you all in 2025!

