

# Monkstown Nursery School

## Monthly Newsletter December 2019



### Merry Christmas

On behalf of everyone at Monkstown Nursery School we want to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. Thank you for your support of our school throughout the year and we look forward to the year ahead. Have a restful break.

### Nursery Nativity

We are beginning to practise for our Nativity and the children are already getting very excited and are loving learning our new songs. We can't wait for you to hear them!

Unfortunately, due to health and safety, we are only able to accommodate **two family members** per child to come and see our performance. We also appreciate that whilst arranging for childcare can be a challenge, younger siblings must be seated and supervised. If they become noisy they should be removed from the classroom. This will ensure a wonderful experience for everyone!



### Open Morning



This year we will be having an Open Morning on **Monday 6 January, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon**. This will provide the opportunity for prospective pupils and their parents to visit us and to see for themselves the benefits of our school. Please help spread the word to any friends or family who are in our local community.

Our current children are due to start back to school on **Tuesday 7 January**.

### Child Protection & Safeguarding

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child outside school, as well as in, you should share these concerns with:

**Mrs Wilson** (Designated Teacher for Safeguarding)  
or **Ms Acheson** (Deputy Designated Teacher)

### Diary Dates

**4th December:** health visitor in school

**10th December:** Hollybank Concert  
9:10am and 10:15am pick up

**12th December:** School finishes at 12:00noon for full time children due to election

**13th December:** Christmas Festive Dress Up Day (children may wear anything festive.. Jumper, dress, hairbow!) £1 donation

**19th December:** **Morning children** Christmas concert 10.00am

**Afternoon children** Christmas concert 1.30pm

**Full time children** do not attend on this day to accommodate the morning and afternoon classes' Christmas concert.

**20th December:** **Full time children** Christmas concert 9.30am-10.00am. Children should arrive at 9.00am. They will leave after the concert.

**Morning and afternoon children** do not attend on this day to accommodate the full time children's Christmas concert.

**6th January:** School Open Morning 10.00 am. **School closed to pupils.**

**7th January:** Term recommences for all pupils

### Reminders

- ✓ Please bring your **book bag** back every **TUESDAY**.
- ✓ Please label hats, scarves, gloves, boots and general clothing.

### Nursery Theme for December

Our focus for December is Christmas. The children will be learning a selection of Christmas songs for our Christmas Concert. They further be developing creative skills by using a wide variety of cutting, writing, painting and drawing media. They will be writing letters to Santa and sending Christmas cards. We will be introducing our Wonder Wall when the children are encouraged to ask questions about the topic.

### Scissor Skills

The children are having opportunities to use scissors and develop their cutting skills. It would be great if your child had an opportunity to develop these skills at home (under your watchful eye). So if you don't already have a pair of children's scissors why not send a last minute request to Santa for a pair!

### Physical Development

We are continuing to learn our outside rules and routines, focusing on safety and fun. Our focus will be on developing children's fundamental movement skills. They will develop their jumping skills through activities from the Mini Moves Programme. We are also planning to teach the children a range of traditional games over the coming weeks and will initially be focusing on Hopscotch and What Time is Mr Wolf?

### Numeracy

We will be talking about time, including night time, day time, seasons, the number of sleeps until the Christmas and ordering our school day and other events. Our colour focus for December will be **RED** being our December focus. We plan to have our red show and tell on **13 December**. Children will be observing and talking about 2 D shapes including triangles, circles and squares. We will also be introducing the new shape, a star.

### How can you support us

Please send in:

- ◆ Any decorations that you no longer need would be appreciated to aid to our tree decoration station.
- ◆ Any Christmas cards (old or new) to cut and stick or write in.

What is the Weather today? X2  
It's Cold and dry x2  
That's the Weather today  
**To the tune of Hickory Dickory**

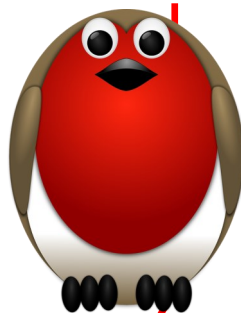
5 little penguins standing in a line  
1, 2,3, 4,5 so fine  
Lie on your tummy, slide in the snow.  
Ready steady and off you go!  
4 little penguins standing in a line ...

Look at the snowflakes falling down  
Falling down, falling down  
Looking at the snowflakes falling down  
It's winter time again

Look at the robin hopping along  
Hopping along, hopping along  
Look at the robin hopping along  
It's winter time again

Look at the smoke from the chimney  
Chimney pot, chimney pot  
Look at the smoke from the chimney  
It's winter time again

Look at the warm fire in my house  
In my house, in my house  
Look at the warm fire in my house  
It's winter time again

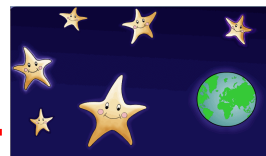


I am a little snowman round and fat  
See my woolly scarf and see my hat.  
You can count my buttons 1,2,3  
Won't you come and play with me?  
**Tune of I'm a Little Teapot**

I am a little penguin  
Black and white  
Small and fluffy  
What a sight!  
I can't fly  
But I love to swim  
So I'll waddle to the water  
And dive right in.



Twinkle twinkle Christmas star  
Way up high is where you are  
Shining bright for all to see  
On the top of our tree.



One little elf was busy one day  
Putting the presents into the sleigh  
Santa said 'Ho, Ho, Ho!'  
But the sleigh was not ready to go

**Tune of Five Little Ducks went swimming**



Christmas colours, Christmas Colours  
Red, green, white, red, green, white  
Red is for Santa, red is for Santa  
And Rudolph's nose and Rudolph's Nose  
Christmas colours, Christmas Colours  
Red, green, white, red, green, white  
Green is for holly, green is for holly  
And Christmas Trees and Christmas Trees

