

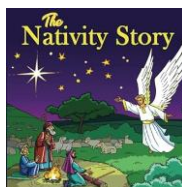
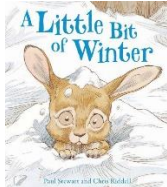


Term 2 Newsletter

This Term:

This term our topic is "Goodbye Autumn, hello Winter". We will be exploring the change in colours, temperature, shape of natural objects and weather all around us as the season of winter begins. Throughout the year, we will also be introducing children to one of our five senses and focussing more on one each term. This term we will be exploring our sense of hearing, listening to the sounds of leaves falling, fireworks banging, Christmas bells jingling and describing them. This is a lovely time of year for learning, as there are many special cultural events and occasions to be celebrated; *Diwali, Bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Birthdays, Advent and Christmas*. We will be learning through music, songs and language rich activities whilst offering a range of creative activities and opportunities to explore with their senses.

This term we will be reading and enjoying the texts *Stick Man, A Little Bit of Winter* and *The Nativity Story*.



We will be learning new words, songs and poems to support our communication and language skills and developing our skills in making relationships too.

Forest School

Sadly, our forest school has been damaged from storm Ciarran. We have had to stop forest school sessions until the trees have been assessed and ensured safe by a specialist tree surgeon.

This term, when we are back in we will be understanding that animals are making habitats for hibernation and ensuring our birds have enough to eat by making bird feeders.

Important Dates

- Whole preschool visit to St Marks Church for a family Christmas reading and celebration. Wednesday 6th December 12.30-2pm.
- Parent & Key worker meetings – WC 4th December (times and dates to be arranged with key workers).
- Christmas Fair – Saturday 9th December 10-1pm.
- Christmas Lunch and end of term Party – Wednesday 13th December 12pm
- Last day of term – Friday 15th December

Fundraising NewsTHANK YOU!!!

As you know, we rely heavily on fundraising to resource and provide great experiences for our children. The fundraising team organised the sponsored Halloween cycle which the children very much enjoyed. We were blown away by the commitment and generosity from our families as we managed to raise a whopping £278!! Thank you so so

much for getting on board with this and raising so much money. We know that the cost of living is high, so we were not expecting so much from you all. We are thrilled to be able to purchase a new sand table and area, buy resources for a water wall and some new equipment for the outside area. The children will be thrilled!



Do not miss!



We are having our annual Christmas event at Broad Oak Village Hall on Saturday 9th December at 10 – 1.00pm.

- Meet Santa in our winter wonderland
- Food stall with turkey buns, pigs in blanket hot dogs and chips.
- Mulled wine
- Face painting and xmas tattoos
- Cake stall
- Crafts
- Raffle and more

We are looking for volunteers to help us on the day, running a stall or helping with food. Please see Kat if you are able to help.

Otherwise, bring the family and enjoy getting into the Christmas spirit with us!

Support for our families



We have been made aware that we have a great family support worker who represents the charity Family Support Work in the local area. Rebecca Hale, meets local families at Broad Oak St Marks church to discuss family issues and problems and can signpost support.

We are going to meet with Rebecca and see what she can do to support us but if you need any support at home, whether it be financial, relationships or personal concerns then they can help support you.

Please do check them out and talk to us if you need any support at home.

[www. Familysupportwork.org](http://www.Familysupportwork.org)

Other useful sites:

[Organisations that help families | East Sussex County Council](#)

[Family Hubs - information and support for all families | East Sussex County Council](#)

Let's get comfy.....

As part of our vision and Reggio Emilia inspiration, we want to create a comfortable and cosy learning space in the hall as best as we can. We are trying to bring in more soft furnishing and lighting but one thing we are keen to try is wearing slippers inside only.

If you are happy to support us, we would like to ask each child to bring in a labelled pair of slippers that stays at preschool for them to put on when they are using the indoor provision. The idea is to help them to know that when we are inside, it is different. We are not bringing mud or water in from outside and we are behaving more softly inside. I welcome your feedback and would love for you to get on board with this.



Last thing....

We are desperate for kitchen towel rolls, empty cardboard boxes, any clean and left over cardboard trays, pots, and tubes for our recycled model area.

We are encouraging the children to get creative and use recycled materials where they can, so anything you think could be turned into a rocket, house, bus or animal (the list goes on) then please bring in. Plastic is also good!



Thanks so much and here's to a busy and joyful term!

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