

# HOLY FAMILY NURSERY NEWSLETTER



December 2011



Dear Parents,

## Curriculum Notes

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We will be talking about how we celebrate together at school and at home at Christmas time. We will explore through a selection of stories how we can enjoy giving as well as receiving at his time of year. We will consider what our friends and families enjoy and like as we talk about present giving.

### **Language Development**

We will enjoy the selected Christmas stories, including, Corduroy's Christmas Surprise, The Night Before Christmas, and we will be learning new songs and rhymes for performing for our Christmas Songs for parents.

### **Physical Development**

As we make our Christmas decorations we will be helping the children with their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination. We will be enjoying music and movement with a range of songs.

### **Early Mathematical Experiences**

We will help the children with recognising and naming shapes. - stars 5 and 6 sided: using the mathematical language of shape: points and sides.

### **The World Around Us**

We will be looking at materials in our art area and experimenting with how we can join using rubber bands, tape and glue. We will be talking about seasonal change and how Christmas comes in the middle of winter.

### **The Arts**

We will be of course working around the theme of Christmas. We will be talking about the joys of giving and receiving at this time of year. Also we will be making little decorations for our classroom and homes – and learning lots of skills in the process. The children are enjoying dressing up as Santa and wrapping presents in our 'Christmas shop'.

## Classroom Notes

**Please send in all book bags as we need to collect our library books before the end of term. Thank you.**

### **Christmas Party**

The children will be singing some Christmas songs in the Nursery and will enjoy some party snacks afterwards. You are welcome to come along and enjoy a cup of tea and a mince pie.

For the morning group, this will be in the Nursery at 10.30 a.m. **Tuesday 13th December**



For the afternoon group, this will be in the Nursery at 2.00 p.m. again on Tuesday 13th December

For each group, please leave your child to Nursery at the usual time.

### **Happy December Birthday!**

To: Niamh McGuckin, Jolita Gylyte, Rebecca Kelly, Jarleth Coleman, and Grace Leyden.



**Please note the following dates:**

### **Closure for Holy Day**

**The Nursery, as the Primary, will be closed on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.**

### **Closure for Nursery Open Day**

**There will be no morning or afternoon Nursery sessions on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December to accommodate the Nursery and Primary School Open Day. The timings for the Open Day for Nursery and Primary are from 10.00am to 11.30am and 1.00pm to 2.30pm.**

### **There will be no Nursery afternoon session on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

as Nursery Staff join with the main School for Staff Christmas Dinner.

### **Christmas Holidays**

**Both morning and afternoon Nursery sessions finish on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and Nursery re-opens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

Wishing you a happy and peaceful Christmas!

Mrs Mary Monaghan

Nursery Teacher