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THE NORTH POLE BULLETIN

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER OF
CYBERTOTS ON THE GREEN

“Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!”

— DR. SEUSS, **HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!**

First of all, we truly hope you enjoyed your Bonfire Night celebrations!

It was great to see the children so engaged in preparing all the things for their celebration bag!

Where has the year gone?! It is December already! Winter Wonderland in the nursery is up and running and everyone is in anticipation of one of the most magical times of the year. Well, one of the most hectic ones too! As you might have heard, the children are busy adorning the rooms, singing jolly songs and engaging in festive arts and crafts. Be prepared for lots and lots of glitter on those busy hands and clothes!



Dates for your diary:

25TH NOVEMBER UNTIL 7TH OF DECEMBER: DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS WITH PARENTS

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER: SURPRISE CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR THE CHILDREN

THURSDAY, 17TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DINNER & VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS

...Christmas time at Cybertots...

Development Meetings with parents

All our diligent and caring staff members have been working together in order to improve the accessibility of the children's learning journeys. We looked at our observations, the quality of them, the links we make to the early years curriculum and evaluated the impact it has on the children's learning and development.

I am sure you all know about the parent zone app we are using. You should have access to it so you can see what your little one is up to here at the nursery. After your child starts the learning journey with us we are taking a couple of weeks to collect observations in their respect. Once we have created a little collection, we will send you the login details online. It came to my attention that for some of you it is still a bit difficult to navigate through the app. If everything goes to plan, I should attach a guide for the parent zone to the email with the Newsletter. Should you have any questions or need anything in regards to that, please ask one of our practitioners or Gertrude in the office.

Usually, we shared the 'termly summary' in a paper version. We are advancing our past practices in order to use the potential of the parent zone app and are using it now for those termly summaries too. This means you have access to everything at all times, if you wish.

I understand some parents want to have the development meeting on the phone, which is absolutely fine. I will send the zoom link to all parents to give you the option to log on. Please let your key worker know whether you prefer a video meeting on zoom or a phone conversation..

Surprise Puppet Show for the children on Tuesday, 15th December 2020

With a very sad and heavy heart I can now confirm that we have to modify our beloved Christmas traditions this year

Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite you, parents and carers, to the setting for different celebrations and other fun things as we would usually do.

We will still do our utmost best to ensure children who are in have the best fun.

Gyan and Gertrude have volunteered to create a surprise puppet show for our lovely children. I truly hope we will manage to bring the children joy and laughter with that performance!

The show will be on Tuesday, 15th December 2020.

Should you wish to book your child in for that morning, please contact me, Gertrude. -Thank you.



...Jingle Bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way....

***Christmas Dinner and
Surprise Visit
Thursday, 17th
December 2020***

Even though a lot of things are inevitably going to be different this year, some things should be as familiar as possible.

We will still have our beloved Christmas dinner in the rooms but this time it will be only for our amazing children.

Jola and Karina, our chefs, are in the process of planning a delicious Christmas meal. A lot of thought and effort goes into preparing it. They are starting early in order to finish everything for 3.30pm on Thursday 17th December 2020.

After the children finish the meal, we will sing some of the songs, poems etc. you will have shared with us until we have a visit from father Christmas.

We had a vote on who gets that enormous honour of taking such an important role. Since Anthony was on holiday this week, we decided it can't be anyone other than him! I am sure he will be delighted to hear that news once he is back next week!

Should you wish to book an extra session for that day, please let me, Gertrude, know.

Please share your families' favourite songs and your Christmas traditions with us!

If we wish to ensure everyone's peace and happiness we need to cultivate a healthy respect for the diversity of our peoples and cultures, founded on an understanding of this fundamental sameness of all human beings.

-Dalai Lama

We would like to invite you to share your festive traditions with us. What is important to your family? Do you celebrate Christmas at home? What does that celebration look like? What are your families' favourite songs and or games?

Please share Christmas songs, all time favourite songs, poems, stories etc. with us on the parent app or via email.

Christmas break dates:

THURSDAY, 24TH DECEMBER - MONDAY 4TH OF JANUARY: THE NURSERY WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF THE DAY ON THE 23RD DECEMBER 2020. WE WILL BE BACK ON THE 4TH OF JANUARY!

Staff Holidays:

NATALIA: 3RD, 8TH, 9TH, 15TH&16TH DECEMBER

BARBARA: 18TH, 21ST, 22ND & 23RD DECEMBER

AGA: 4TH DECEMBER

MARIA: 23RD DECEMBER

SIMRAN: FROM 7TH DECEMBER

NIMCO: FROM 16TH DECEMBER

TATIANA: FROM 16TH DECEMBER

GYAN: 23RD DECEMBER

GERTRUDE: 21ST, 22ND & 23RD DECEMBER



Merry Christmas, EVERYONE!

A few reminders...

Now that it's starting to look a lot like winter, please, provide your children with suitable clothing, i.e. warm, waterproof coat/jacket, hat, scarf and wellington boots. In the outdoors children develop their understanding of the weather and nature. Gross motor skills are far better encouraged in the garden where there is a bigger space for the children to run, jump, play and learn to be safe. Please, be assured that we will not be outside for extended periods in extreme weather conditions

Permissions

We are updating all the information we have about your child to ensure we have the most relevant information.

Please note, you can change your child's address, your telephone number etc. on the parent zone app. The change will come through to me and I will be able to then take relevant steps.

The week commencing 30th November we will start giving out the photo permissions for the parent zone. You can opt for various things on the form. Please kindly complete it and bring it back at your earliest convenience.- Thank you very much!

We will miss you during the Christmas break- PLEASE share some moments with us!

We would very much appreciate, if you share some of your holiday or celebration pictures. You can upload photos on the parent zone app or send it to gertrude@cybertots.co.uk and we will upload it for you.

Thank you to all the children and families!

This year has been unprecedented! Although we had to go through many challenges, there are a lot of things I will treasure in my heart. Some of the joyous things are when we opened in June and we got to see all our friends again after a long time, lots of lovely chats in the park, all the fun zoom sessions during lockdown and many more. I feel very lucky to be leading such an amazing team and have the best families and children. I truly could not ask for more!

Thank you to all for being so fantastic- you all made my year special!

I hope you all get to relax a little during the break. I wish you a lovely festive season and a very happy new year!

p.s. please check your iconnect on 24th December- there may be a little surprise waiting!

GERTRUDE AND THE
CYBERTOTS ON THE
GREEN TEAM WISH YOU
ALL A

Merry Christmas!

