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November 2023 Newsletter

We're speeding towards the festive break but there's lots coming over the next few weeks so please do mark the dates in your diary!

Christmas Post Box – Post by Monday 11th December

If your children wish to share Christmas Cards with their friends this year, we will have a post box in setting for them to post them. The last posting date will be Monday 11th December so that we will have time to distribute them to all the recipients!

Nativity – Tuesday 12th December

Our scallywags will be delighted to share their nativity with all our families on the 12th December. All children will be involved even if it's not their normal day so it would be lovely for everyone to join us! Parents are invited to join us in the hall from 2:30pm and refreshments will be available afterwards.

Christmas Party – Friday 15th December 10 - 12

We've got a very special visitor on the last day of term, who is looking forward to meeting all the children – his elves have been busy and we're going to have soft play set up in the hall, with Halwill Parent & Toddler Group joining us for the morning. If it is not your scallywag's normal day then they are still welcome to join us, but we must request an adult comes along to so we can maintain staff ratios.

As usual we will be asking parents if they can support us with 'bring and share' party food! There will be a list next to the signing in sheet where you will be able to list your name alongside anything you are able to help provide, so that we can avoid too many duplicates. Please, as always, no nut products.

New Year Staff & Parents Social – Friday 12th January

It's busy busy busy this time of year and we would still like to get together but appreciate getting a date to suit all is a bit tricky! This year our 'Christmas get-together for all staff, committee and parents / carers will be in the New Year. We are in the process of finalising a location and details will be shared before the end of term. Normally we ask for a £5 deposit per person with balance to be paid on the night dependant on your food selection. We normally request meal choices the week before so menus will be shared soon. Save the date and watch this space!

Extended Hours Provision

As we mentioned last month, we are extending the trial of opening both early and later hours for our families that need the extra childcare. From January these hours will become core hours, so you are able to use any funding entitlement or paying the standard £4.90 rate, rather than paying £5 per hour. Our booking forms now have the new opening hours included and you will need to ensure you book the session selections that add up to what you require. Invoices will be done in the normal way.

Primary School Applications

For those of you with children who were born between September 1st 2019 and 31st August 2020 – it is now time to apply for your child's primary school place! Applications are now open, and Lorraine and Pennie will guide you to where you need to go. Most local schools are more than glad to give tours and show you around, so do get in touch with them. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas gift fair, it was lovely to lots of faces and to have such lovely stalls to browse. The event raised over £400 for Scallywags!

Our time as a Co-op Local cause ended last month and we're pleased to say the total we received was £2035.88!! We applied with the desire to be able to replace some of our tired and old tech and resources and we are pleased to say we are now able to replace staff computers, tired and broken furniture and toys and we're investing in 2 tablets that will be accessible to the children (all safety features turned on of course!). A big thank you to everyone who chose us as the cause to support each time you shopped.

Don't forget - You can also support us every time you shop online with easyfundraising.co.uk. Simply set up an account – choose us as your cause and then visit hundreds of your favourite websites, via the easy fundraising app and we will get an extra cashback donation with no extra cost to you! As online shopping peaks in the run up to Christmas we would love as much support as possible!

Christmas Bingo – Friday 8th December - Doors 7pm, Eyes down 8pm!

Our Christmas Bingo is booked for 8th December! Our much sought after Chicken Dinner hampers will be top prizes, with many other delicious seasonal treats, cash, vouchers and fabulous prizes from local businesses and suppliers.

Come along and see how many prizes you can walk away with!

We will have the bar open again and will be opening earlier so that you have plenty of time to purchase drinks, relax and get those dabbers ready with a later finish time so you can relax before heading home!!

Lorna, Staff & The Committee

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