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Dear Parents/carers

As we appreciate this is a busy time of year for everybody, we apologise in advance for the amount of information we are requiring you to acknowledge.

Reminders for your diary will also be displayed on the notice board, Facebook and website and Tapestry.

Christmas Celebrations 13th -17th December

During the last week of this term we will be holding mini Christmas celebration activities, including party games, dancing and party snacks. Each of the children will have the opportunity to participate in these celebrations. We are very much looking forward to some festive fun.

Christmas/ Woolly Jumper Days December 2021

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers throughout December, we will be collecting items for our Foodbank and homeless collection, see below for items requested, thank you.

A drop off point will be available outside the building, thank you .
Pot Noodles, Back packs, Socks (always urgent) Wet wipes, Toothpaste
Gloves (thick and warm, Snacks, Shower gel, Coats, jeans jumpers
Greggs vouchers, toothbrushes and deodorant

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- **URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS FOR FOODBANK COLLECTION**
- SWEET AND SAVOURY CHRISTMAS TREATS
- FRUIT JUICE
- DEODORANT
- RICE PUDDING
- TREATS AND SNACKS
- SPONGE PUDDING
- JAMS AND SPREADS
- TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES
- WASHING POWDER (SMALL)
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Christmas Sing- a- long December 2021

We would like to invite you to share in our Christmas singalong, the children have been busy practising our Christmas songs and actions and would love to share these songs with you, the sing a longs will be held the week commencing 14th December and uploaded to your child's Tapestry account, facebook and website if you have permitted your child to be added to our media options. Please advise via email if you wish to amend your child's permissions for the following before 1st December 2021. Website, Facebook, Instagram and Media thank you.

Thank You!!

Thank you to all the families who regularly donate fruit etc for snack. Please ensure your child contributes **at least** two pieces of fruit per week to our fruit bowl, or unfortunately we will be unable to provide sufficient snack. Please remember we are a NO NUT preschool. The children have all benefited from helping to prepare a variety of fruit and vegetables for snack time, which is only possible with your support!

School Admissions

A reminder if your child is due to start Reception September 2022, applications are NOW open!
Tours are available for all schools around Bradley stoke, please see there individual websites for dates.

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Please take a moment to view the grape cutting guidelines available on our notice board along with other small food pieces

We try to support the children at lunch times with peeling fruit and being independent however 30 satsumas to peel and pots of grapes to cut can be very time consuming. Please help by preparing your child's fruit for lunchtimes, this include tomatoes, sausages and other small foods that may be a choking hazard. Please see the additional chopping food guide available on Tapestry!

Illness

In addition to the current Pandemic this time of year brings lots of viruses into pre-school. Please keep your child at home for the recommended 48 hrs in the event of sickness or diarrhoea, or if you think your child may not comfortably last a whole session.

If your child has received Calpol and such like medicines they MUST remain at home until well enough to return due to this medication masking symptoms of Coronavirus.

Clothing

As the weather changes please ensure your child is dressed warmly and has welly boots and a raincoat that are **named**. We enjoy splashing in muddy puddles and playing out in all weather! We are running very low on spare clothing especially socks!!! Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothing to ensure they are comfortable and warm. We will be placing a hat box outside so that you can place your Childs hat/gloves inside, as you can imagine searching 30 bags can be quite time consuming.

Late arrival/ collection

We are seeing an increase in later arrivals to pre-school, a polite reminder that children should arrive and leave promptly to and from their session, lateness can have an extended impact to the session as usual routines will have been started and children may miss out on important information.

Failure to advise of lateness may result in your child not being able to attend their session as staff may be moved to a different site for training etc

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Health and Safety Child Collection

Due to the safety of the children in our care could you please wait until all the children have left pre-school before sending your child back in to collect forgotten belongings.

We endeavour to place items in the lost property box outside the preschool door. We appreciate your support thank you.

Stranger Danger and Keeping Safe

We will be discussing with the children the importance of staying close to our grown ups and recognising safe people to ask for help. We have also discussed the importance of keeping ourselves safe and Fire Safety with the bonfire and firework celebrations happening soon . Please support us in keeping your children safe.

Christmas Craft

We would like to offer your child an opportunity to create some Christmas Crafts including a home made calendar for 2022. A Christmas card @ £1 and the opportunity to make 2 keepsake decorations for £2.00, A calendar @ £2. These items are personally made by your child .

Please place the correct money in a named envelope by **15TH November** to enable your child to complete this activity, thank you!

Christmas Songs

Below is a list of some of Christmas songs we are practising together

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
he began to SHOUT!
'You girls and boys won't get any toys, if you don't pull me out!
My beard is black
and there's soot on my sack,
and my nose is tickling too!'
When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
ACHOO! ACHOO! ACHOO!

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When the robots came to dinner, they came on Christmas day,
They didn't like the turkey so they threw it all away!
They ate up all the knives and forks,
and then they asked for more,
I've never had a Christmas day quite like that before

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Christmas pudding,
Christmas pudding,
steaming hot,
steaming hot,
sprinkle on the sugar,
sprinkle on the sugar,
eat the lot!
eat the lot!

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Incy Wincy Spider
Climbed up the Christmas Tree
Down came the snow and made more Incy freeze
On came the Christmas lights and melted all the snow
So Incy wincy Spider could have another go!

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November dates for your diary

Monday 1st November - Halloween dress up
Wednesday 3rd/Thursday 4th November - Diwali craft and celebration
Friday 5th/Monday 8th November - Bonfire night/fireworks craft
Thursday 11th November - Polish Independence Day celebration/craft.
Friday 12th November/Monday 15th November - Remembrance day craft
Wednesday 17th November - Schichi-go-san, Japanese festival.

Regards

Abacus Team @ Baileys Court

Childs name @

1 x calendar @ £2.00 1 x card @ £1.00 2 decorations @ £2.00

All proceeds will support our children's Christmas week celebrations inc Christmas gift and party snacks if sufficient uptake.

Signed Date

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