



St Andrew's Nursery Newsletter December 2020



'We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.' George Bernard Shaw

Nursery Christmas Lunch:

On **Thursday 17th**

December, our nursery children will be served their Christmas Lunch. Christmas lunch has always been an important event at St Andrew's and this year is no different. Our school kitchen will also be providing a sweet Christmas treat for all of our pupils. Bon appetit!



Santa Zoom Call

Staff have organised a virtual Zoom call from Santa. This will be taking place on **Wednesday the 16th at 1.45pm**. We are all very much looking forward to seeing Santa this year.

Cards and Gifts:

Current health and safety guidance is encouraging schools to find an alternative to the traditional exchanging of cards, between pupils, and to consider a different way of sharing Christmas Wishes with friends.

A number of enquiries have already been made around gifts for staff. Aside from current restrictions, relating to health and safety, our staff team is also mindful of the financial challenges facing many of our families, at the moment. Although very appreciative of the gesture, we want to make clear that there is no expectation of the need for families to send in gifts. Some colleagues in other schools have suggested a donation to a local food bank or charity instead, should pupils be keen to purchase a gift. This is obviously for individual families to decide.



Children will receive a gift-wrapped book – courtesy of our Parent Council. We would like to thank them for their generosity. To complement this gift, children will also receive a school bookmark, as a positive reminder of what has been a very unusual year. All gifts will have been quarantined for the required 72 hours before being given to pupils.

Nursery Christmas Party/Festive Fun:

Nursery Christmas party will take place on the morning of **Monday 21st of December**. Current guidance around health and safety means that our Christmas party will look a little bit different this year. Please be assured that we have planned a variety of fun to be enjoyed safely within the nursery setting. Party food will be provided and plenty of opportunities to have fun.

Children are welcome to come in dressed in festive clothes but please be mindful that the children will be playing outdoors and as always, will need to wear suitable clothing and footwear.



Christmas Jumper Day

It has been super to see so many of our pupils, parents and staff getting in the festive spirit by wearing Christmas hats, jumpers, hairbands and other festive accessories. Although national Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 18th December, pupils are welcome to wear Christmas clothing any day between now and the end of term. The brighter the better!

Nursery Clothing

The weather is getting colder and the ground is getting muddy. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the colder weather and that they have a suitable change of clothes. We are low on socks so please ensure your child has a spare pair with them every day.

Health and Safety

In response to Scottish Government guidance, please continue to wear a face covering or mask and ensure a 2 metre distance from other adults at drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your continued support with this as we continue to prioritise the safety and well-being of your children.



Drop off and Pick Up Times

Please note that the end of nursery session is at **3pm Monday to Thursday** and **12.30 on a Friday**. Please try and have your child collected by these times. We appreciate that from time to time there may be delays in collecting your child, please phone the office if you know you will be late picking your child up from nursery.

Nursery Hours

Nursery hours are:

Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 3.00pm

Friday 8.30am to 12.30pm

DIARY DATES

December 16th Santa Call

December 17th Nursery Christmas Lunch

December 21st Nursery Christmas Party

December 22nd Term Ends

January 6th Term Begins

*Merry
Christmas!*

From all the staff at St Andrew's Nursery we would like to wish our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support this year and we look forward to welcoming you and some new families and friends to our nursery in the New Year.

Mrs Graham
Principal Teacher

