



## Upcoming events and information

### Church Visit:

The Pre-School room have been very excited to practice their Christmas Carols ready for our visit to Dobwalls Church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30. We have been rehearsing Rudolph the Red nose Reindeer and Jingle Bells to sing in the Church. If your child is not in that day and would like to join us, they are more than welcome followed with your support on the outing.

### Book Library:

You may have already noticed, but for a while we have had our very own mini Library in the front door. This allows you and your child to choose a story to take home for a period of time and return for another one, why not take a look this week and see which story you would like to take home?

### Practitioner Training this term:

Our team have been on a number of different courses so far this term and are implementing new ideas and practices into the day to day running, here are just a couple;

- Art in the Early Year's
- Seeing the world through a babies eyes
- Effective communication using visuals
- Creating a sequenced curriculum
- Books and Hooks (Inspiring reading in the early years)
- Getting it right with group times
- Communication progression tool

## Farewell

It's with a heavy heart, that we will be saying farewell to Tracey on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Tracey has been very supportive of all the changes made by myself and the trust over these past two years and has helped to maintain the vision that we aim to achieve for all of our children.

Tracey is loved by so many and has created wonderful relationships with not just children and staff, but I'm sure you would agree - parents too!

We look forward to seeing Tracey in the village and wish her all the best for the future and spending lots of well-earned time with the family.

We have not informed the children of Tracey leaving and would like for you to do this in a way you feel most suitable.

We are in the process of advertising for the position of site manager.

### Sickness:

We have had a small number of cases with sickness and high temperatures.

Children cannot return until 48 hours after their last sick episode.

This is to ensure the virus does not spread to other children and staff members, which would cause disruption to our services that can be provided.

## Healthy Under 5's

### Juice Free Zone

Our SMART Nurseries strive to provide children with a nutritious morning snack, including; a carbohydrate, dairy, vegetable and fruit option with a choice of water/milk.

### Did you know?

*"When your child drinks sugars, the bacteria in your child's mouth mixes and creates a mild acid which can attack your child's tooth enamel causing decay and cavities"*

### Juice Free Zone

Our settings will continue to support our no juice policy, we ask that you provide your child with water in your child's bottles to support our Healthy Under 5's as juice will be removed.

## Term Dates 2023/2024

Dec Half Term:	March Half Term:
Last Day: Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day: Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Return: Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return: Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Feb Half Term:</b>	<b>Bank Holiday:</b>
Last Day: Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Return: Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>May Half Term:</b>
	Last Day: Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May
	Return: Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
	<b>Final Last Day:</b>
	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>