



December Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you and your child have enjoyed your first term at Knockbreda Nursery School and are looking forward to the festive season ahead! Thank you to all of our families for the positive partnership with Knockbreda Nursery School this term. We are so very appreciative to all of you for your support throughout this year.

We have planned a fun-packed and festive few weeks in December. We really want to make Christmas special in school this year and to make December a month that the children will remember as a brilliant end to the year. We have arranged to see our Shared Education partnership schools, Knockbreda Primary and St Bernard's' Nativity concerts, we will have a visit from the Recycling ELF, Christmas Jumper Day, our Nativity celebrations, our end of year Christmas party and Father Christmas might even pop in for a visit!

We would like to thank you for supporting Children in Need day last month; thanks to your generous support, we raised £114.17 for this worthy charity.

Upcoming Themes

We will be moving into our Winter themes of stars, space and fire. Through these themes we will be investigating the darker and colder days, emergency services and all those who help us and habitats of animals and how they survive the winter.

We can't wait to welcome you to the Red Apples and Green Apples Christmas shows this year. A reminder that the Red Apple class Nativity will be on Tuesday 19th December at 11am with immediate collection afterwards. On this day the Green Apple class will finish at 10.30am. The Green Apple class Nativity will be on Wednesday 20th December at 11am with immediate collection afterwards. On this day the Red Apple class will finish at 10.30am. Lunches will not be served on either day and Hub Club will be closed.

Due to limited space in school, there will be two tickets per child available and these will be distributed in the week before the performances.

Our Nativity photographs will be available from next week to purchase at a cost of £5.00 each. If you wish to purchase a photo, please place the exact money into the basket outside your child's classroom. If you would like additional photos, please speak to your class teacher who will organise these for you. The money raised will go into our school fund and be used for purchasing further classroom and outdoor resources for school.

We will be creating lots of festive craft, learning Christmas songs and actions, putting up our Christmas lights and decorations, and finishing the year by celebrating with our Christmas party day on Thursday 21st December. The children are invited to wear non-uniform clothes (party clothes/ Christmas jumpers/ own clothes) rather than uniform on this date, and we will enjoy party games and food! It will be an early finish at 11am and no school meals will be served on this day and Hub Club will be closed.

The Curriculum presentation, as part of our Getting Ready to Learn initiative this year is accessible on the school website under the Parents/Home Learning tab. The password is: Nursery22. If you have any specific questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.



A reminder that more information and support can be found using the following link:

<https://gettingreadytolearn.co.uk/parents/>



To link in with our participation in 'The Big Bed Time Read' please help yourself to books from our Lending Library, which is just under our Forest School display. Here you will find a collection of books for you to borrow and return. If you wish to contribute to the swap, please do. If your child has a particular interest and you can not find a suitable book please speak to your class teacher and we will see if we can help.

Important information

- As we continue to use all of our outdoor play areas on a daily basis to provide the children with the opportunity to experience the important learning brought about through outdoor play in all seasons, please continue to encourage your child to put on/ take off their own coats, jumpers, shoes and wellies. Please make sure that your child has a scarf, hat and pair of thermal waterproof ski-style mittens that can be kept in school- in this season, these are now preferable to woollen gloves as they are also waterproof. Please do not send gloves in for your child, unless they are fully capable of putting these on independently. Mittens are best to help promote your child's independence and self-help. All items must be clearly named, including your child's shoes.

Sickness and Absences

- Please communicate any unplanned, unexpected absences by contacting the school directly on the first day of the absence (via phone or email) or by completing the online form via the website under the 'Parents' tab. Any planned absences should be communicated in advance.
- **Diarrhoea and vomiting:** As detailed in your child's induction booklet, children should be symptom-free for 48 hours and should be able to hold down food and fluids before returning to school. Please do not send your child to school unless they have been symptom-free for 48 hours as this places the staff and other pupils at risk of illness.
- **Spare clothes:** We are currently running extremely low on spare changes of clothes in school. It would be appreciated if you could check for any changes of clothing, particularly joggers, socks and pants that may have been sent home from school and return to these us as soon as possible.

Giving Machine

A reminder that you can help raise funds for Knockbreda Nursery School through free fundraising, whilst you are completing your Christmas shopping online! We are signed up to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk which is a fundraising organisation designed to help charitable causes and schools raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via The Giving Machine, you will generate a free cash donation for us. Further details are available from the School Office if needed.

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Our Open Morning is taking place on Saturday 9th December 2023 between 10.00am – 12noon. Prospective parents are very welcome to visit us on that day to see around our friendly and welcoming school, meet our staff and find out more about life at Knockbreda Nursery School!

For anyone who is unable to join us on 9th December, there will be another opportunity to visit us on Tuesday 9th January between 2.00pm-3.00pm.

If you have any friends or neighbours who are considering Knockbreda Nursery for their child next year, please spread the word!

Diary Dates:

Date	Time	Event
Friday 8th December 2023	All day	Christmas Jumper Day; wear a Christmas Jumper or something festive and donate to Save the Children!
Saturday 9th December	10am-12noon	Open Day for prospective parents re the academic year 2024/25.
Monday 11th December 2023	Morning	Shared Education visit to St Bernard's to watch their Nativity show.
Wednesday 13th December 2023	Morning	Shared Education visit to Knockbreda Primary School to watch their Christmas show.
Friday 15th December	Morning	Christmas Recycling Elf visit. A story to encourage recycling especially at Christmas.
Tuesday 19th December 2023	All day	Christmas show for Red Apples. 2 adults are invited to attend. Green Apples to attend Nursery 8.30am-10.30am. Show to start at 11am. No school meals. Hub Club will be closed.
Wednesday 20th December 2023	All day	Christmas show for Green Apples. 2 adults are invited to attend. Red Apples to attend Nursery 8.30am-10.30am. Show to start at 11am. No school meals. Hub Club will be closed.
Thursday 21st December 2023	11am finish.	End of term party. Non uniform day. There will be no school meals and Hub Club will be closed. School closes for Christmas at 11am and will re-open on Thursday 4th January 2024 as normal.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the staff at Knockbreda Nursery School!



Christmas Songs and Rhymes

When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney

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,
There's soot in my sack,
My nose is tickling too.'
When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
ATCHOO! ATCHOO! ATCHOO!



Five Mince Pies

Five mince pies in a baker's shop,
Warm and spicy with sugar on the top;
Along came (Andrew) with a penny one day,
He / she bought a mince pie
And ate it right away.
*Four mince pies in the bakers shop, etc.
No mince pies in the baker's shop.
Warm and spicy with sugar on the top;
'Oh dear' said the baker with the empty tray,
'I'll have to make some more,'
And he did it right away.



Christmas pudding, Christmas pudding (Tune: Frere Jacques)

Christmas pudding, Christmas pudding
Steaming hot, steaming hot.
Sprinkle on the sugar, sprinkle on the sugar
Eat the lot, eat the lot.



What is Christmas?

What is Christmas? We'll tell you.
It's putting love in all we do
In our work and in our play
In our living every day
It is showing love for others
Father, mother, sisters, brothers.

