

Newsletter

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Christmas Fundraiser

If you placed an order for the Christmas fundraiser, we should be receiving them this week. It is important that if payment has not been made yet, that it is done so as a matter of urgency before this Friday 2nd December on Arbor.

Thank you

Diary Dates

21st Dec	Last day - Nursery and Yorkies close at 12.00
9th Jan	Back to school



In the Pre-school this week we have started creating some lovely Christmas crafts with the children. These will be sent home at

the end of the term. We are also continuing in our exploration of the nursery playground. The children are having lots of fun on the bikes and using the large sandpit. Please ensure your child has plenty of warm clothes in their change bags just in case!



1st December 2022

“ Dear Parents & Carers, we are very excited that the planning for our Christmas Fayre is all coming together thanks to the organisation of our wonderful Friends of York Road fundraising group. Please see the flyer attached for more details. We do also need a little more help though please...

We need a Santa to come and visit- his grotto will be set up and even a couple of Santa's helpers... is there anyone that is willing to take part? I am sure all of the children would be very grateful!"



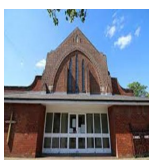
Our next planning cycle features, games and fun, many of which will have a winter festival/ Christmas theme. Most of these are a British cultural celebration of the time of year, we also have an educational church visit to St.Marks. We will be decorating the nursery and plan to tell and role play the Christian story of Christmas. The story will be approached much in the same way as we tell the Sikh/Hindu Diwali story, Chinese new year story, and hear about Eid and Chanukah, with a focus on finding out about it. We want to recognise and value all our children's cultural backgrounds and celebrate diversity. If you have any questions about our winter festivities, please talk to your key teacher'



St Marks Church Visit

The children have the opportunity to visit St Marks Church during the festive season, and listen to and take part in the Nativity story. The groups will be going as follows:

Robins - Otters - Squirrels - Rabbits will go on Mon 12th Dec



Foxes - Ladybirds - Barn Owls - will go Tues 13th Dec

Note from the Headteacher

Now that we are one term in to our school year please can children not be brought in through the gate in a buggy or being carried- we are working hard to encourage their independence skills.

We would also like to work towards saying 'goodbye' at the door so every minute is embraced with learning time.



Christmas Tree Festival

The Hitchin Christmas Tree festival is back again for the 26th year. York Road Nursery and Pre-school will be again taking part. Our entry is called 'dec the tree with lots of recycling' The children will be working hard over the next cycle to create their own decorations. It would be fabulous for as many children as possible to go to the festival and cast their vote for their favourite trees. This will be held at the Holy Saviour Church, Radcliffe Road in Hitchin on 10th and 11th December.

12.00 - 6.00pm Saturday 12.00 - 6.00pm Sunday Admission £5.00 Children Free



Note from the organizers

We are delighted that York Road is again taking part in the Hitchin Christmas Tree Festival and hope preparations are going well.

Instead of delivering hard copy Festival flyers for the children to take home, I have attached a digital copy of the poster in the hope that you can share it with the school families.

With thanks, and best wishes

Clare Fleck

on behalf of Hitchin Christmas Tree Festival

SAFEGUARDING

Please can gates be closed behind you when you enter or leave the premises. We are finding the gates are left wide open many times. This is a hazard for our children, as children sometimes run on ahead.



Panto - Thurs 15th Dec

To help towards the cost of the Panto we would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £5.00.

This can be paid on the Arbor app. Flyer attached with details.



Children in Need

The children all enjoyed lots of spotty creative activities. We helped raise a whopping £56.60. We talked to the children about how we are raising money for children that need extra support.



Spare Socks

Any spare socks would be much appreciated. Due to the wet weather we are changing socks as well on a regular basis.

Maths Corner

Can you find and collect 10 leaves in the garden, or on a walk. Write the numbers 1-10 on the leaves using a marker pen or felt tip. See if you can place these numbers in order. Extra special challenge can you collect 20 leaves, and number these in order".

