

ETHERLEY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2019



CHILDREN IN NEED - FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

To raise money for Children in Need on Friday 15th November children are asked to come to nursery dressed in something spotty and they will be taking part in spotty activities. Can we please ask for donations to be placed in the Blue Pig next to the fruit bowl. Thank You

BISHOP AUCKLAND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 4 – 6pm

Bishop Auckland market place

Switch on of Christmas lights, including market, festive fun and stage show. All welcome.

ADVENT WINDOW – NIP & TUCK – FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019 at 11am

On Friday 13th December at 11am, you are invited to join us to open our Advent Window at Nip & Tuck, 61 Fore Bondgate, Bishop Auckland. If your child is normally at nursery at that time, you can meet us here to walk down together to join in the opening ceremony. Only children with an accompanying adult will be able to attend. Please come to nursery for 10.30am.

Every child will have a piece of art work displayed in the window, which you can go down and see at any time.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT - WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

We would like to invite family members to come and join us for a celebration of Christmas. Please dress your child in a Christmas costume of their choice. Morning children should come to nursery with their families for 9.15am and afternoon children should come with their families at 12.30pm. All day children should be dropped off at nursery at 8.30am as usual.

The event will begin with children performing some of our favourite Christmas songs. Then there will be the opportunity to make cards and calendars together. Refreshments will also be provided.

To help support our school fund, which is subsidising the Christmas trip to the Gala Theatre, we will be running a raffle on this day. Any donations of prizes would be gratefully received. We have attached some raffle tickets for you to sell to family and friends at £1.00 a strip. Please return the money and the stubs with a contact name and number on the back of each **separate ticket** before the day of the concert.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will not be giving out Christmas cards in nursery this year; instead we will be supporting a local charity 'Butterwick Hospice Bishop Auckland'. At our Christmas event on Wednesday 18th December we would like children to make a decoration wishing all of their friends and staff at Etherley Lane Nursery a Merry Christmas. This decoration can then be placed on our Christmas tree and a donation made. All donations will be given to the Butterwick Hospice. Please do not send cards into school this year. Thank you for your support.

ABSENCE

Please can we remind you to inform the office if your child is absent from school through either sickness or holidays by telephoning 01388 604835 or emailing etherleylanenursery@durhamlearning.net.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Nursery will be closed on **Friday 6th December** for staff training.

Nursery will close for Christmas holidays on **Friday 20th December** and reopen on **Tuesday 7th January**.

PACKED LUNCHES

Thank you to all the families who are following our advice on the provision of healthy lunches. Could we please remind parents not to put sweets in the packed lunches. Advice on providing a healthy lunch is available on our school brochure which is on our website:

www.etherleylane-nur.durham.sch.uk

WELLIES

Can you please remember to bring a pair of wellies for your child, with their name written inside, so we can continue to learn outside whatever the weather!

Hungry Little Minds

You can now visit the Government's website Hungry Little Minds

www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk to get some great information on fun activities to help your child's learning at home. Let us know how your get on!

TRIP TO DURHAM GALA THEATRE TO SEE 'ONE MORE SLEEP' THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Please can you return the reply slip and any payment as soon as possible if you have not done so already. If you have not received a copy of the letter please see the office.