



Happy Advent!

The countdown to Christmas has officially begun and the children are getting very excited talking about the events leading up to Christmas,

Learning and development

The children are continuing to participate in activities relating to modern stories and tales. We are currently focusing on 'Whatever next' and exploring space. We will then be focusing on The Gruffalo and Stickman in the proceeding weeks. Weekly/Fortnightly learning and development plans are attached to the parent information board for your perusal.

Health and safety

We would kindly like to remind parents to be vigilant when leaving preschool/nursery, especially near the car park and the road. For your child's safety, please ensure your children are supervised at all times. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

We always attempt to have at least one fire drill a month so that we're always prepared for the unlikely event. We've had a couple of drills with the school this half-term; your children have behaved impeccably throughout and have shown good listening and respect.

Physical activity

The children are continuing to enjoy the opportunity to take part in **the daily mile**; walking, jogging or running in or around the school playground on a daily basis. **Diddikicks/Dreams Captured** sessions, led by Coach Callum, continue to take place on Friday mornings. The children love taking part in these sessions. If you would like to enrol your child in these sessions, there are places still available; please contact the office staff (email addresses in the header). Diddikicks is currently in the process of being re-branded as 'Dreams Captured.'

Session requests for 2020

I would be grateful if those who have not already informed me of their session requests for children looking to extend their hours in January /September 2020, email me at their earliest convenience to avoid any disappointment. Thank you.

Christmas Raffle Donations

We would be grateful of any raffle prizes you could donate towards our Christmas raffle please. Any proceeds will go towards improving our outdoor facilities. Thank you.

Upcoming events (please refer to 'Dates for your Diary')

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children We would love it if your children could come in dressed in a Christmas jumper (with a suggested donation of £1 per child) on Friday 13th December.
Christmas Carol Service For this performance, we would like your child/children to come into Preschool/Nursery wearing something festive. Please inform the office if you would like to attend the Christmas Carol Service, so that we can ensure there is enough seating on the day, and for health and safety reasons. We will not be issuing tickets this year but would be grateful if you could purchase [Christmas raffle tickets](#) instead, which are available prior to the event (please contact Bev) or 'on the door' on the day (at £1 a strip). Please arrive from 10am for a prompt 10.30am start on Thursday 19th December, Thank you.



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Other Donations

Outdoor provision We are keen to further improve our outdoor facilities, so, if the company you work for (or own) are able to help, or if you know of anyone who could help, we would be grateful of anything that would help improve our outdoor provision. E.g. we are looking to have an over-door shelter built, some paving slabs fitted and looking for donations of gravel/pebbles to surround our building with. Any wooden outdoor play provision would be gratefully received.

Snacks Thank you for all the donations of fresh fruit, especially those who have offered to bring them in on a regular basis. We will keep you informed if we build-up a surplus.

Easyfundraising Croft Early Years is a not-for-profit pre-school and a registered charity. All extra funds we can raise go towards providing a better learning experience for the children. You can help our fund-raising just by doing your online shopping! We have joined easyfundraising.org.uk to help you to help us raise funds every time you buy almost anything online. You don't pay anything extra - the donation comes from the retailer - most of the major shops are there to choose from. Please [sign up today](#) and bookmark the page, so that you always start your shop at easyfundraising.org.uk. Many thanks.

Dates for your Diary

*Cultural/Religious events

Notable dates/events in blue

(Parents invited to events in red)

December

1/12/19 Start of Advent

13/12/19 [Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day](#) (suggested donation of £1 per child)

19/12/19 10.30-11am [Preschool Christmas Carol Service](#)

20/12/19 Christmas lunch & Party

2.00-2.30pm [Visit from Father Christmas;](#)

[End of term](#)

22/12/19 Start of Hannukah*

25/12/19 Christmas Day - Christian*

7/1/20 Preschool re-opens

Our updated calendars for 2019/20 and 2020/21 holiday dates are available on our website.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation, Penny