

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! It's been lovely seeing and hearing the children talk excitedly about what they've been up to over the Festive break. We hope you've all had a fabulous time with your loved ones.



Bev has kindly uploaded some pictures from the build-up to Christmas on to our private Facebook page e.g. Christmas tree centre visit and Christmas tree decorating. She will be adding pictures from the Christmas Carol concert and Christmas party in due course.

Learning and development

Our learning and development plan for the next few weeks relates to the wonders of our environment in terms of seasonal changes in the weather. The children have returned very keen to get stuck into the winter-weather role-playing and playing imaginatively in the 'ice cave.' Weekly/Fortnightly learning and development plans are attached to the parent information board for your perusal.

Health and safety / Attendance

We would kindly like to remind parents to keep us informed if your child is to be absent. It is a legal requirement for us to keep a record of your child's attendance and is essential for those accessing the 30 hrs' funding.

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 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 has been 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.



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Christmas Raffle Donations

Thank you for your kind donations of raffle prizes and/or purchase of Christmas raffle tickets. The proceeds went towards arrangements for the Christmas party and also towards improving our outdoor facilities. Thank you.

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.

Notable Dates

January 7/1/20 Preschool re-opens

8/1/20 Bubble Bath Day

15/1/20 National Hat Day

19/1/20 World Religion Day

23/1/20 National Handwriting Day

25/1/20 Burns' Night

Chinese New Year

26/1/20 Australia Day

March 1/3/20 St. David's Day

3/3/20 World Wildlife Day

5/3/20 World Book Day

6/3/20 British Science Week

9/3/20 Sport Relief

17/3/20 St. Patrick's Day

20/3/20 World Oral Health Day

21/3/20 World Poetry Day

22/3/20 Mother's Day

26/3/20 Purple Day

February 1/2/20 National Storytelling Week

9/2/20 Tu B'Shevat (Jewish holiday – 'New Year for the Trees')

11/2/20 Safer Internet Day

14/2/20 Valentine's Day

Preschool closes

24/2/20 Preschool re-opens

24/2/20 Buddhist Losar New Year

25/2/20 Shrove Tuesday

26/2/20 Ash Wednesday

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