



## Planning W/C 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - 16<sup>h</sup> Dec

### Christmas

- Making Christmas cards with own designs and creations
- Decorating pre-school with our Christmas tree, paper chains and 'presents' for under the tree
- Looking at books and talking about the Nativity
- Christmas Songs
- Enjoying our "winter wonderland area" in the water tray
- Talk about other celebrations and beliefs

### School Applications

Please remember, if your child is due to start school in September 2022, you can apply for their space at:

[www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for school applications is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

### Spare Clothing

We would be grateful if you could remember to send your child with a bag of spare clothing. We are experiencing a lot of changes of clothes at the moment and some of the children prefer to wear their own things.

### Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Megan and Jonny who have recently become engaged! We wish them lots of happiness for the future.

### Merry Christmas

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope everyone stays safe and we will look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year!

Many Thanks

Becky, Rhona, Megan, Helen, Angela, Stacey & Innes

## Dates for your diary

### Christmas Holidays

19<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**School Application Closing Date**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Christmas Party

**At the Magic Castle on**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1pm – 3pm**

We are keeping a close eye on the situation regarding the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK. This will be reviewed weekly and if we feel the risk is too high, then we will look at having the party in Pre-School instead. However, we will let you know as soon as we have made a decision. As it currently stands, we are planning for the party to go ahead at the Magic Castle.

Therefore, Pre-School will close at 11.30am to **ALL** children. We will meet parents/carers and children at the Magic Castle from 1.00pm. Parents do need to stay with their children although pre-school staff will be there to help supervise. Please could you let us know asap if your child will be attending. Please note: Parents/Carers will have to wear a mask as it will be classed as a communal indoor area and we are trying to prevent anyone catching the virus before Christmas!

### A Polite Reminder

Please can you ensure the below points are followed when sending your child's packed lunch into pre-school to reduce the risk of choking

- remove any stones and pips from fruit before serving
- cut small round foods, like grapes, strawberries and cherry tomatoes, lengthways and into quarters
- cut large fruits like melon, and hard fruit or vegetables like raw apple and carrot into slices instead of small chunks
- do not give whole nuts and seeds to children under five years old
- cut cheese into strips rather than chunks
- do not give popcorn as a snack
- do not give children marshmallows or jelly cubes from a packet either to eat or as part of messy play activities as they can get stuck in the throat