



# St. Mark's Nursery

## Weekly Newsletter w/b 11/12/17



### **For the rest of this half term the theme is Christmas**

This week we begin our learning all about Christmas. We will be learning about the nativity story and thinking about the birth of baby Jesus. We will be learning our nativity songs and preparing for our performance. **Your child will receive a note this week with their role and what they need to wear/bring in wrote on. To keep costs low as possible we have decided to do a 'Pillowcase' nativity. The plan is to make as many of the costumes as possible from pillowcases with accessories.**



### **Things to do at home:**

You could help your child to write Christmas cards. Some may be just beginning to mark make with a scribble, some may write only the first letter of their name and some may be able to write their whole name and more. Try to encourage your child to grip their pencil properly, using 3 fingers rather than a fist grip.

### **Please help:**

Unfortunately after counting Winnie the Pooh, we don't have enough money for the children's Christmas party food this year. So, instead we have decided to ask all our parents to send in some party food for the children to share. We will put a list up in the cloakroom and if parents can please sign up next to an item to ensure we don't end up with too much of the same thing. All left over food will be donated to the food bank for families in need in Stockton. We had already (on previous newsletters) asked parents to put a 50p donation in to cover the cost of food for their child, if you have already done this please don't send any party food in as well. This is a voluntary contribution and please don't feel you have to send anything in if you can't. We appreciate that Christmas can be an expensive time.



**We have had a couple of cases of head lice in nursery. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if needed. As you may have seen on Facebook we have had several cases of norovirus. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea please keep them off nursery for 48 hours after the last episode. This is to help prevent the spread of infection.**

### **Special Events.**

- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas Jumper day. Children can pay £1 to wear a Christmas jumper. All donations will go to our school charities of Toma and Young Minds.
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas school lunch. Please return the letter if applicable (only for 30 hours children)
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Nursery Christmas party. Children can wear party clothes this day. A special visitor often makes an appearance with a festive present for every child paid for by Winnie the Pooh. Please see above about food arrangements.
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10am in the school hall-** Nursery Nativity. Please send your child into nursery for 9am as usual. Each family has 3 seats for the performance due to health and safety regulations. Younger siblings are also welcome. Adults will enter through the new main entrance and will be signed in. If any families have circumstances which means they require an additional ticket please speak to Mrs Kidd or another member of the team.



Thanks again for all your support  
Laurie Kidd EYFS Leader/ Nursery Teacher



