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Dear Parents/Carers

Some children have come to the age that they now can attend more often with 30 hours becoming available. If you request any extra days when your child gets their funding to avoid disappointment, please contact Becci or Clare as Pre-School is getting busy. You can apply for these extra hours at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

As we are approaching the Christmas holidays the funding will stop on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, if you have stretched your funding then this will cover you for the last week. If you request childcare for the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December this must be booked in advance by writing them down or contacting a member of staff, so we can staff accordingly. This week's sessions will be charged at full price if you book in.

We are also asking if anyone needs childcare on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will only open if there is enough demand. **IMPOTANT, YOU BOOK THESE IN IF YOU NEED US. DEADLINE FOR BOOKING IN IS FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

### Fundraising

Our Christmas shopping night is just round the corner, and we have some exciting stalls, so come along enjoy a hot chocolate and start your Christmas shopping. Please come along to support the nursery and local businesses. This event is 5.30-7.00 bring all friends and family.

### Policies

All policies are available on our website and are updated regularly for you to access.

### Staff Development

All the staff have been introduced to new online training, Dingley's Promise. This will help further their experience and knowledge on supporting children in the early years.

### News

Little reminder that we do take the children outside in all weathers so the appropriate clothing i.e., coats, wellies would make this a more enjoyable experience for them. (We do have spare wellies as well.)

If you haven't already, could we please have a copy of your child's birth certificate for the funding please. We can copy these for you if this is a problem. This is very important. Thank you for the parents that have already provided us with this.

For all parents, if you have ANY contact details that need to be updated i.e phone numbers, change of address, could you please write these down and we can update them on your child's records.

Our Christmas parties this year will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.00-3.00 and 3.30-5.30 for after-school. Please let a member of staff know if your child is attending and we ask for a £2.00 donation towards food. As always, this party is free to all children and nursery will not charge you for attending.

### **Health and Safety**

To keep all staff and other children well, a kind reminder that sickness and diarrhoea is 48 hours from the last episode. Also, if your child has had their flu spray or any vaccinations, they must remain off from nursery for 24 hours due to reactions.

Please remember to close the pre-school gate when you enter and leave as it is important to keep the children safe.

For those children who have packed lunches, can you please ensure that you cut up your child's grapes as these can be a choking hazard and that we are advised not to give popcorn to children at nursery due to choking. We are a **NUT FREE** nursery due to allergies. Packed lunches must be healthy.

### **Important Dates**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Funding Begins

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Shopping Night 5.30 in the school hall

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Children In Need

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November - AGM - All welcome

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Funding Ends (For those that don't stretch their funding)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery, Preschool (Polar Express) and Afterschool Christmas party £2.00 if attending