



The Academy Nursery School

Important Points

December 2018

Christmas Holidays Christmas Shows

Full Time Class

The Full Time class will finish up for Christmas on Friday 21st December. Children will finish school at 11.30am. There will be no School Dinners this day.

Morning Class

The Morning Class will finish up for Christmas on Friday 21st December at 11.15am.

Afternoon Class

The Afternoon Class will finish up for Christmas on Thursday 20th December at 2.45 p.m.

School Re-opening

The school will re-open on Monday 7th January 2019.

There will be performances by each class on the following dates and times:

Full Time Class
12th December — starting at 10am

Morning Class
14th December — starting at 10am

Afternoon Class
17th December — starting at 1pm

Due to the size of our classrooms there will only be room for 2 family members per child. Each show will last approximately 20 minutes.

Unfortunately not all parents have agreed for videos or photos to be taken so please respect their wishes.

Please note to facilitate our school shows the following changes will take place:

Afternoon class will be off school on Friday 14th December.

Morning Class will be off school on Monday 17th December.

Full Time class will go home early at 12.30pm after dinner on Friday 14th and Monday 17th December.

Foyleville Day Centre

The Full Time Class will also be performing their Christmas show at the Foyleville Day Centre on Friday 7th December.



Special Points of Interest

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Book Fair

The Book Fair will take place between 5th December and 12th December in the multi purpose room. The school gets commission on any books we sell and we use this to replenish and stock our school library.

We are also running a raffle. We will give a raffle ticket for every purchase and the winner of the draw will receive £25 worth of books.



Nursery and Primary Applications

If you have a child who was born between 2nd July 2015 and 1st July 2016 they will be entitled to a nursery place in Sept 2019.

Applications will be available online between 2nd January and 31st January 2019.

If your child is due to return to nursery school in Sept 2019 then you must re-apply.

Primary Applications

If your child is eligible to move to primary school next year then please make contact with your preferred primary school.

Open Day

The Academy Nursery School will be having an Open Day on Thursday 6th December 2018 between 2pm—4pm. Please come and have a look around and discuss applying for a place for Sept 2019. As applications will be online for the first time, we will be having drop in sessions at our nursery for anyone that needs help completing the online application. You can drop in anytime between 9.30am—2.30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout January starting on 7th January 2019.

School Trips & Events for December

Tuesday 11th December

The Afternoon class will be visiting 'We Love to Party' soft play area for their Christmas outing.



Tuesday 18th December

The Full Time and Morning classes will be going to see 'The Grinch' Christmas movie at Brunswick Moviebowl.



Thursday 13th December

Morning and Full Time classes will attend St. Anne's Primary School Christmas nativity show.

Wednesday 19th December

Littlehands Sure Start Library will be holding a Christmas Story Telling session here at the Nursery School for the Full Time and Morning Classes.



Thursday 20th December

Parky the magician will be coming to the nursery school on Thursday 20th December to perform a magic show for all the children.



Permission for these trips has already been sought from parents at the start of the year however if you have any concerns or wish to withdraw your consent please speak to your child's teacher.

Christmas Parties and Santa's Visit

Christmas Party

Christmas is never complete without a Christmas Party. The Afternoon class will have their party on Thursday 20th December and the Full time and Morning classes will have theirs on Friday 21st December.

Santa's Visit

Santa has promised to come and visit us as a surprise before our Christmas Holidays and he may even bring us a present!



Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner is always a very important day in the full-time class at the nursery school. Not only do we get a full Christmas dinner we also get party hats and crackers too. As it is such a special day and an important time of the year we always invite Miss Donaghy, Mrs McLaughlin and Miss Gillespie from the part-time room in for their dinner. Christmas dinner this year will be on Thursday 13th December and we would be very grateful if parents of children in the Afternoon class could bring their children to school at 12.45 p.m. instead of 12.15 p.m. to facilitate this.



Curriculum

Theme: Christmas and Shiny Things

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- To discuss our own safety in darkness e.g. fluorescent and reflective clothing;
- To prepare the children for planned changes to the routine e.g. Santa's visit;
- To encourage the children to express feelings of joy, wonder and excitement as they anticipate Christmas;
- To develop an awareness of Christmas being a time for friendship, sharing and being aware of those less fortunate than ourselves;

Language Development

- To look at early opposites e.g. shiny and dull;
- To provide opportunities to extend

the children's Christmas vocabulary;

- To read and provide books related to the themes
- To begin to foster a sense of writing for a purpose e.g. letter to Santa and introduction of Post Office, introduce addresses and sequencing e.g. writing a letter;
- To introduce feely bag through use of Santa's Sack;
- To learn songs and rhymes related to themes;

Mathematical Development

- To provide opportunity to explore Christmas decorations and match the ones that are the same;
- To provide opportunities to count decorations e.g. lights on tree;
- To introduce early pattern awareness through looking at decorations;

- To develop spatial awareness such under the Christmas tree;

Physical Development

- To develop fine manipulative skills and coordination through use of shiny instruments e.g. triangle;
- To introduce new movement e.g. rocking movement at art/craft printing activity;
- To develop large and fine motor skills through polishing in home corner;
- To develop physical skills through decorating Christmas tree;
- To develop physical skills through dressing up in Christmas clothes; To develop paper folding at Post Office activities at writing table;

Curriculum Contd.

The World Around Us

- To develop an awareness of Christmas tree lights and safety around them;
- To explore new modelling materials e.g. model magic and new form which will air dry to become decorations;
- To talk about Christmas past and present e.g. visiting Santa, lights being turned on;
- To discuss evergreen trees, holly and reinforce safety aspects of not eating berries;
- To observe and discuss shiny reflective surfaces e.g. mirrors, puddles in the environment;

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- To build on the children's responses to shiny frost through looking at Jackie Jack frost;
- To explore shiny and dull objects at interest area;
- To become aware of the role of the postman;

The Arts

- To provide opportunity to explore Christmas art/craft;
- To explore shiny collage through

art/craft activities;

- To introduce the triangle and other shiny instruments;
- To encourage imaginary scenarios at house play through exploring shiny ornaments and polish house to make shiny and clean;
- To explore different types of paint at table top and easel e.g. glitter paint, iridescent etc;
- To make Christmas decorations with malleable materials and to use shiny materials to decorate

Songs and Rhymes

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
In a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells in bobtails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight
Jingle bells Jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

When Santa Got Stuck up a Chimney

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
He began to shout,
You girls and boys,
Won't get any toys,
If you don't pull me out.
There's soot on my back,
And my beard is all black,
My nose is tickling too!
When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
Achoo, Achoo, Achoo

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.