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# OUR NEWSLETTER

**York Montessori**  
Nursery  
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## **Nursery Updates**

Hello everyone, we have started the build up to Christmas and decorations and trees have been dusted off and the children will be helping to transform their rooms into sparkly, festive places.

We would love to see some pictures of the children helping to decorate the tree at home. They love to see photos of themselves so please either add them to Tapestry or e mail me them directly.

Our Pre school nativity will take place in a different format and we hope to be able to record and send to those in Pre school, if you would prefer your child not to be recorded and sent to other parents please let me know.

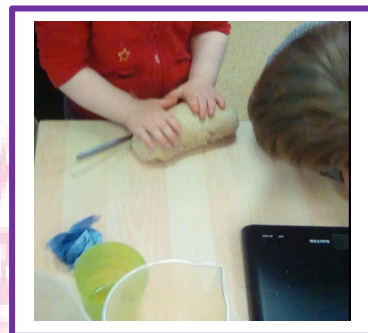
Sadly we will not be able to hold our Christmas Open Morning and I know you will all lament missing the marvellous festive tombola, but fear not it will be back bigger and better (if possible!) as soon as we can plan an event.

Parent discussions are continuing. These can be face to face outside at drop off or pick up times or via the telephone at an agreed time. Please speak to your child's key person if you would like to arrange a date and time.

## **Nursery News**

**Babies** – another busy time in here this month. Bonfire Night celebrations were a riot of colour. The children used chalk and paint on dark paper to make pictures and explore colours. Everyone helped to make a beautiful poppy wreath for their door in celebration of Remembrance Day, they used different mark making tools to great effect. National Bread Day was enjoyed by all and the babies helped to make wholemeal bread. They followed a recipe measuring, adding and mixing ingredients as required. Each room shared their different loaves for tea – all very delicious!! Road Safety Week brought lots of opportunity for play with different vehicles and they made a road in the room and children moved along it, stopping at the red traffic light of course!

**Toddlers** – it has also been busy in the Toddler room this month. There have been lots of discussions about the weather and what we need to wear to keep warm – some lovely conversations about hats and pompoms in particular!! The children enjoyed celebrating Outdoor Classroom Day, starting with breakfast in the garden followed by lots of exciting activities. The favourite being making smores. Neil made sure everyone was very careful with the barbeque and the children were fascinated by the melting marshmallows and the children declared them to be delicious. For Remembrance Day we talked about people who are special to us and made poppy pictures using different materials and skills. The Toddlers recipe for Bread Day was Spelt bread, as with the Babies, lots of careful weighing, mixing, and tasting!! During Road Safety Week the children enjoyed activities relating to transport and discussed how to stay safe – we were impressed with the children's knowledge of traffic lights and what each colour means. Some simple road signs were introduced, and the children helped to make an ambulance complete with bandages and patients!



**Pre School** – Outdoor Classroom Day was a success in Pre school too, along with the smores the children enjoyed as a special treat, some children visited the woods finding and matching leaves and just enjoying the space. Those back at nursery made clay sculptures in the garden using natural items to add features. Pre school made

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Tomato and Rosemary Focaccia on Bread Day, and my goodness was this delicious!!!! World Kindness Day was also celebrated in Pre school and the children thought about their friends and family and made cards and friendship bracelets for some of them. They also made pictures to send to Broadway Lodge Care Home. Sadly we have not been able to continue with our monthly visits and they have been missed by both the children here and residents, once it is safe to do so we hope to start again. Singing of the Nativity songs has begun in earnest and I find myself joining in with some favourites – particularly the arrival of the three wise men! Although different this year we intend to continue with our traditional celebrations as best we can.



### Items from home

Over the last couple of weeks we have seen an increase in items being brought in from home. Please ensure toys and food are taken from your children before they enter the nursery site. Guidelines tell us we should not be allowing this and food can lead to issues for our allergy sufferers, thank you for your help.

### Celebrations

16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch – wear your Christmas jumper!

23<sup>rd</sup> December – Party Day

### 30 hours funding

**If you currently have 30 hours funding you need to revalidate your current code with HMRC to continue to get the funding from January.**

If you are applying for funding for the first time from 1st January 2021, you can check that you are eligible via Childcare Choices at:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> please do before 31<sup>st</sup> December and bring in your code, National Insurance number and child's Birth Certificate. If you have already applied please make sure you revalidate before the end of December as **you cannot** access funding for the first time if it is over three months since you initially applied!!

### School Places

Now is the time to start thinking about applying for a school place for September 2021. The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please follow the link for how to apply.

<https://www.york.gov.uk/PrimaryAdmissions>

### Invoices and Payments

Could you please ensure that all new Government Tax Free Childcare Payments, Vouchers and Bank Payments are made by the **1ST OF THE MONTH**, in line with our Terms and Conditions, thank you?

If you are changing the way you pay, eg with the Tax Free Childcare payments, please let our Accounts Team know as soon as possible, or by the **15th of the month** on

[headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk)

so we can locate your new payments quickly and easily. Thank you for your help.

**Notice re payments after the 1st:** Some payments have become increasingly irregular, especially as new payment methods have been introduced, such as Tax Free Childcare, Bank Payments and present Voucher Payments.

Please check your account and payments, as you may need to specify the payment date for the **1<sup>st</sup> of a month**. Thank you.

A 'late payment charge' of £75.00 will be made where fees continue to be late. Our thanks again for your help.

### Instagram, Facebook and Twitter

If you'd like to follow us on Instagram, twitter and facebook, we keep you up to date with lots of activities here and any other interests too. We are Yorkshire Montessori Nursery on Instagram, @yorksmontessori on Twitter and on facebook at @yorksmontessori

### E mails

You can contact me at the nursery on [fulford@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:fulford@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk) and Allison at Head Office on [headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk)

### Nursery Holidays for 2020

**24.12.20– Christmas Eve – close at 1.00pm  
Re-open 4<sup>th</sup> January**

*Debbie*