

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Brown

### Nursery Places

We have a lot of children on our waiting list and places are now very limited. If you are likely to want to increase your sessions in January or April and you haven't already done so, please let us know now. Priority will be given to children taking up their full entitlement of funded hours ie 15 or up to 30 hours. This doesn't apply if you are paying for sessions before you are eligible for funding. If you have any siblings who are likely to want a place and we haven't got an application form for them, please let us know asap.

For those children who become eligible for funding in January you will receive a letter from Mrs Simpson shortly with an FE1 funding form for completion. We will provide information about the extension of two-year-old funding as soon as it is available. For more information, please go to

[Expansion to early years funding from April 2024 - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Thank you.

### Dance coaching

Jenny Le Port Dance will be offering dance workshops during November and December on Wednesday mornings. Please send your child in leggings or tracksuit bottoms and suitable shoes. We will be holding dance, sports and forest schools sessions on different days throughout the year so that all children in the Bears class (starting school in September 2024) will have access to these extra-curricular activities.

### Nut free school

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Allergies often manifest themselves for the first time in children when they are nursery age, so we need to be vigilant, we have one child with a nut allergy in nursery at the moment. Please do not put products with nuts in lunchboxes eg cereal bars, Nutella or peanut butter. Thank you.

### Poppy Day



Small items like snap bands, rulers and zip pulls will be on sale in nursery week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November to support the poppy appeal. We will be discussing the reasons for this in nursery.

### School Photographer

A photographer from Wrates will be in school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. There is no obligation to buy the photos but if you do, they would make nice Christmas presents! If Thursday is not your day, please speak to me about an appointment time if you want to come in. If you do not want photos taken of your child, please let me know.

### Children In Need



'Children in Need' day is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. To celebrate this event children are invited to wear spotty or stripy clothes or any type of fancy dress. In nursery we will be doing spotty paintings, stories, and dancing. Donations welcome, we will send you a link to the donation page nearer the time.

### Christmas Tree Decoration Workshop

Local artist Cheryl Frost will be coming into nursery on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to make Christmas tree decorations with the children. These need to be pre-ordered and will cost £4 each to be paid on Parent Pay, there is a payment item for this on Parent Pay. **Orders must be received on Parent Pay by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.** Cheryl will donate half of the money to the nursery school fund.



### Christmas Concert

This year our Christmas Concert for Bears class: '**Winter's on the Way**' will be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**. If your child does not usually attend on Wednesdays you are still welcome to join us, please arrive by 1.45pm so that we can dress your child in a costume.

### Christmas crafts and singalong session

Cubs class will be holding a Christmas crafts and singalong session from **9-11am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, all Cub's parents welcome. If your child doesn't attend on Thursdays, you are still welcome to join us with your child.



### Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 20th December. All children are invited to attend – **if Wednesday is not their usual day** then children in Cubs class (NOT going to school Sep 24) are welcome to join us for the morning session (until 12 am), unfortunately due to funding pressures there will be a charge for this unless you are in receipt of two year old funding. Children in Bears class (who ARE going to school Sep 24) and Cubs already booked in for the full day on Wednesdays are welcome to join us for the whole day. Children staying all day will need a packed lunch. There will be party food, games, a magician, and a visit from Santa. I will issue invitations to the concert, craft session and parties so that you will be aware of which days and times the events are happening.



### Governors section

- A BIG thank you to three of our governors who have finished their terms of office: Caroline Boam who was our Health and Safety governor; Janine Shearing who was our safeguarding governor and Kate Copley who helped us with advice about building regulations. Gill Graham has now been appointed as our new safeguarding governor and Sue Tucker is taking on the Health and Safety role.
- **We are now looking for new governors to support the head teacher in running the school. If you are interested in joining our friendly and very effective team, please let me know. It's a chance to get involved in school life and make a difference to the children who attend.**
- The annual Governance statement can be found on the Governing Body page of the website.
- Governors have approved new privacy notices which can be found on the GDPR page of the website.
- A summary of the school fund audit can be found on the Friends of Flagg page on the website.

### Dates for your diary: Dates for the whole academic year can be found on the website

<b>Week of 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Poppy appeal collections
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Photographer in school
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need day: wear spots or stripes
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Christmas tree decoration workshop, pre-order please
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Christmas tree decoration workshop, pre-order please
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</b>	Christmas concert for Bears class, parents and carers welcome
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9am</b>	Cubs class Christmas singalong and Christmas crafts, parents and carers welcome
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas party day: Barmy Bella and Santa visiting, children only
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Break up for Christmas holiday
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	INSET day, school closed to children
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Back to School