



# Singleton Day Nursery Winter Newsletter 2017

## Welcome

We would like to welcome all new children and their families who have joined us this term. We are delighted to be a part of your child's growth and development and look forward to lots of fun times.

## Dates for your Diary

### Play scheme

27<sup>th</sup> December to 5<sup>th</sup> January

### Christmas dinner day

22<sup>nd</sup> December

### Visit from Santa and Christmas party

15<sup>th</sup> December

### Closing dates over Christmas and New Year

22<sup>nd</sup> – Open as normal

Christmas day – Closed

Boxing day - Closed

27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Open as normal

New Years Day – Closed

Open as normal from 2<sup>nd</sup> January

## Staff news

We would like to congratulate Joelene on the birth of her little boy Steffan in September, both mum and baby are doing well. Congratulations also to Gemma, who got married in September, since organising her own wedding, Gemma has decided to become a wedding co-ordinator. We wish Gemma all the best for the future.

Jessica had her wedding in October, congratulations to Jessica, hope you settle into your new home quickly so you can start enjoying married life.

Rebecca is doing well with little Alice, but has decided to have a career change and become a children's swimming teacher, she will not be returning from maternity leave and we would all like to wish you good luck for the future Rebecca!

Dannielle is now the new Pre-School Co-Ordinator, taking over from Gemma. Good luck in your new role Danielle, you will be fantastic.

Sian has now taken over a new role as deputy manager as well as under 2's supervisor, congratulations in your new role Sian, you will be a fabulous deputy.

## Section Information

### Under 2's

Our under 2's have been learning about recognising numbers and counting, they have counted everything you can imagine, wheels, cars, blocks and so on. They are so clever! The under 2's have also been doing Christmas craft and preparing for their new topic in January of colours.

### Toddlers

The toddlers have been learning about all different kinds of transport, they have been learning about how different vehicles move around and mark making with different modes of transport too. The toddlers have also been learning about independence and are being encouraged and helped by staff to collect their own coats and meals, and also to scrape their own plates at the end of meals times and pour their own drinks, well done toddlers, you are doing a great job.

### Pre-School

Pre-school has recently got a mud kitchen for our pre-schoolers to play around in outside. They have also painted lovely bird houses to watch all the birds come and go. This term's topic is all about people who help us. The pre-school children have been doing observational drawings of fire engines. This month, the children are drawing their own Christmas pictures on the computer, how clever!

## Singleton's famous Chocolate Orange sponge and Custard

This is a big favourite with all of our children, why not try it at home.....

### Ingredients for cake

6oz self raising flour  
2oz cocoa powder  
8oz margarine  
4 eggs  
6oz sugar  
2 oranges  
3 tbsp. sugar

### Ingredients for custard

1 cup of milk  
½ cup of cream  
2 egg yolks  
1 tsp cornflour  
½ vanilla pod

### Method for cake

Preheat oven to 170°C, mix all ingredients, except oranges and 3 tbsp. sugar, together in a bowl. Place in a cake tin in the oven for 20-25 minutes. Whilst cake is baking, squeeze the juice from the oranges and add the sugar to a saucepan. Let this simmer until it forms a syrup. Once the cake is baked, prick the top with several holes and pour the syrup into the cake.

### Method for custard

Add milk & cream to a saucepan. Split the vanilla pod in half lengthways and scrape out the seeds. Add to saucepan along with the pod. Bring milk mixture to almost boiling in a separate bowl, whisk eggs and corn flour to combine while whisking, slowly add milk mixture to the eggs. Return the mixture to the saucepan and cook on low heat while continuously stirring until the custard thickens. Once ready it should coat the back of the spoon.

## Christmas Party and Santa

Santa has taken some time out of his busy schedule and will be with us on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December this year.

If you would like your child to see Santa on this date, tickets will be as follows:

**£3 for a visit with Santa and a present**

**£5 for a visit with Santa, present and a photo**

we are also having our Christmas party on this day, if your child already attends on a Friday, they will already be coming to the party, if you would like to book your child in for an extra session, you are more than welcome to, however this will be on a first come first serve basis.

50% of all ticket sales will go to the Tom's Trust Charity, the traumatic brain service at Morriston hospital, the other 50% will go toward the cost of Santa's elves.



## Wish List

Could we please ask parents to bring in materials for our junk model collection, we will be grateful for any kind of recyclable materials such as shoe boxes, newspapers or food cartons for our home corner.

## FAQs

If you are giving dates for upcoming months please can you make sure that the dates are in before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month as now the invoices are being produced on that date, thank you.

## Health and safety

Could parents and carers please not let other adults into the building for security reasons a member of staff will be with you ASAP.

Can parents and carers please be aware of their speed when driving in and out of the car park as we have other parents driving out and children walking into nursery. Thank You.

## Thank you

We would like to thank all of our parents for your continuing support throughout the year. From all the children and staff at Singleton day nursery, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!



