



*Keep your eyes peeled for the return of Efron our cheeky elf during December!*

## CHILD LED PLAY:

*The current trend (which is actually an old one, Vygotsky, Piaget, et al) is that children learn best through play, using their imagination and exploring for themselves.*

*Most of the latest research says that specific topics should be abandoned as they narrow the children's experience and learning. Construction area, mark making, home corner etc. Should be at a low level for easy access and the children should be able to play with whatever they like and where their imagination takes them.*

*The role of the adult is to observe, join in and scaffold the play when they can see potential areas for learning.*



## Just a thought...

*Tidying up.... And Snap—the jobs a game! We value and respect our materials and our toys. Children learn good life skills at nursery which includes tidying, sorting and organising which are really good life skills to have. So how can you help and encourage our children to clean up after themselves?*



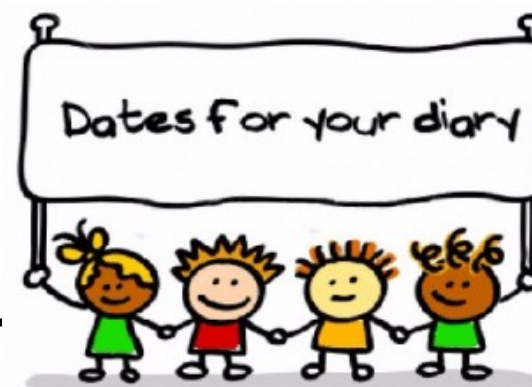
Welcome to our winter newsletter,

## Staff news:

*A massive welcome to our new manager, Stacey Calitz joining us from our Glangwili Nursery! And our newly appointed Preschool coordinator, Jasmeena*

*Congratulations to Amber on the birth of her baby boy, Tommy.*

*Welcome back Katy returning to toddlers from maternity leave. We also have many new faces in the nursery, welcome to Rhiannon into babies, Leigh in tweenies, Jess, Siobhan, Shelly and Charlotte in toddlers.*



## December

11th & 12th- Over 2s concert

13th- Christmas jumpers

17th- Christmas party

24th- Close at 4:30

25th & 26th (CLOSED)

23rd-3rd Jan-Playscheme

## January

1st (CLOSED)

## February

17th-21st Feb Playscheme

## March

2nd- St David's day



## Present from Santa!

If you wish your child to receive a gift from Santa when he visits on 17th December, could we kindly ask for a £2.50 contribution towards the gift by the **6th December** (in an envelope with your child's name)

If your child is not booked in for this day you are welcome to bring them along to see Santa!

**No Phone Zone:** Please don't use your mobile phone inside the nursery! Thank you





## All about our sections!

### News from Catrin and the baby team....

*Over the next few weeks we will be learning about winter.*

*We will be discovering animals that live in colder climates like penguins and polar bears.*

*We will be playing with lots of activities to promote our senses including ice and adding different textures and smells to them.*

*The babies will be doing lots of Christmas craft activities that will all be sent home to you!*



### News from Chelsea and the Tweenie team...

*We will be making Christmas crafts ready to send home to parents and getting very messy with glitter and paint and creating beautiful calendars.*

*After all our Christmas craft and the festive period is over we will be focusing on the book, "a squash and a squeeze" and learning all about farm animals.*

## All about our sections!

### News from Sara & Katy and the toddler team...

*We continue to enjoy playing and exploring inside and outdoors. Over the next few weeks we will be preparing for the Christmas concert.*

*We will have song sheets available from the section from 25th November with a costume list to follow.*

*The children will be looking at Christmas books and learning about the Christmas story and why we celebrate it.*



### News from Jasmeena and the pre-school team...

*Over the coming weeks we will be concentrating on our topic of all creatures great and small.*

*Excited to be making up our worm farm, discovering how animals live, eat and move etc.*

*We will also be joining toddlers and practicing for our Christmas concert. Song sheets will be available from the section from 25th November.*