

Singleton- Schoolhouse Day-care
autumn/winter newsletter



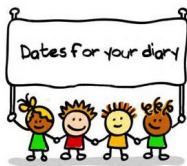
Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 18th December—children's Christmas dinner at nursery

Friday 21st December—children's Christmas party

Nursery closes -
Christmas eve 24th & new years eve 31st December close at 5.30

Nursery closed -
Christmas day 25th, boxing day 26th December and new years day 1st January



Staff Information



We would like to congratulate Jessica Rowe on finding out she is having a baby boy who is due on February 16th 2019, all the staff and children are very excited to meet him.

We are Also congratulating Emily Al-Hagen of finding out she is also having a baby boy who is due 28th February We cant wait to meet him.

We would like to say a sad goodbye to one of our nursery cooks Karen Morgan, Karen has worked with us for 2 years, she finished due to her health and we will be sad to see her go. We wish you good luck for the future



Health & Safety

Quick note to parents-

Please do not let other parents in to the building for security reasons a member of staff will be with you asap. Also can parents be aware of their speed when driving in and out of the car park.

Thank You

Thank you's

We would like to thank all parents and children for helping us to collect milk bottle tops for our recycling display.

It is looks fab

We had lots of bottle tops left over which we donated to a youth club in Llanelli, they are collecting them to donate to Glangwili hospital to be able to get wheelchairs.



FAQ's

If you are giving dates for upcoming months please can you make sure that the dates are in before the 20th of the month. Also as stated on the bottom of invoices all payments need to be in our bank account and cleared by the

1st of each month to avoid a £20 late fee.

Many thanks.





Can we please ask all parents to provide a labelled hat, scarf and gloves so we are ready to have fun in the garden in the colder weather

Thank you

Under 2's

In the under 2s section we have been very busy redecorating the areas in our room to look inviting for the children. We have a new 'whose here today' board and a new sensory board made by Rhian Passmore, the children love it and have had lots of fun and exciting experiences with it.

We have been concentrating on our theme 'Autumn' where we have made leaf wreaths and pine cone squirrels. We also enjoyed getting messy with the jelly, coloured rice and lentils for Halloween.

The under 2s are very excited to start their Christmas crafts this year where Ffion will plan lots of fun and messy things for them to do.

From all in the under 2's section we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Toddlers

The Toddlers have really enjoying taking part in a range of sensory and messy play activities during our Autumn topic which included painting with essences, going on a leaf hunt, playdough with natural resources and making conker roller pictures which was the children's favourite activity.

We have been very busy over the last few weeks celebrating Halloween and bonfire night. The children had lots of fun exploring a range of messy play experiences and creating some wonderful art work.

Our current topic is fairy tales. The children are enjoying learning about the different tales such as- the three bears and jack and the beanstalk, these are our favourites so far.

We are also getting very excited for Christmas and can't wait to get cracking on Christmas craft and baking activities. The Toddler section would like to wish all you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pre-school

In pre-school we have been learning about autumn. We have made autumn leaf prints, we did a leaf hunt in the garden and got messy and explored autumn coloured rice with leaves and bugs. Our topic this term is fairy tales where we have been exploring lots of different tales such as- little red riding hood where we have been roleplaying the story in grandmas cottage in our topic area, -the three pigs where we made collages of the pigs houses with different materials and - goldilocks and the three bears where we got creative with playdough and the goldilocks playdough mats.

Our next topic is winter and Christmas which we are very excited about as the children will get the chance to decorate the classroom tree, make a stocking to hang above the fireplace and make Christmas cards. We will also be concentrating on winter activities where we will explore different messy play ideas such as water beads and arctic under the sea animals and ice play with polar bears penguins and other arctic animals.

The pre school section would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a wonderful new year, we are so excited.

Play scheme

In the Autumn playscheme we were very busy celebrating Halloween where we made lanterns out of glass jars, spooky ghost biscuits and celebrated with a party. We also had fun making edible sparklers and colourful skyline pictures for bonfire night.

The children have also been learning about the Autumn season, exploring the colours and how the leaves change. Using autumn colours we created stain glass window pictures in the shape of leaves and made fox, owls and hedgehog masks.

We are excited for the Christmas playscheme as we have lots of fun and exciting crafts and activities planned, such as winter snow globes, salt dough candle holders and baking lots of tasty treats. We will also be going on a wellie walk where we will follow a map and tick off the things we find on the check list.

We have also made lots of changes to the room and set up lots of fun areas for the children to enjoy.

We hope to see you all there

Merry Christmas and a happy new year



Christmas bauble competition

We will be holding a Christmas bauble competition at the nursery this year for the children to take part in, all you need to do is pick a bauble up from nursery, take it home and decorate it and then bring it back to nursery.

The winning bauble will get a prize and all the baubles will hang on our tree for everyone to see.

Baubles can be collected from the office from the 3rd December and brought back to us by 14th December

We look forward to seeing all your creations

Good luck everyone



Recipe

Quick and Easy Christmas Pudding By Germaine Coiera

Ingredients:

- 1 cup self raising flour
- 3 tbs brown sugar
- ½ tbs bicarbonate soda
- 1 tbs cinnamon
- 1 tbs all spice
- 1 cup mixed fruit
- 1 cup chopped dates
- 1 cup chopped raisins
- 30g unsalted butter
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 tbs brandy or rum

Directions:

In a medium bowl add the fruit and butter. Then pour over the boiling water and leave to soak for 30 minutes.

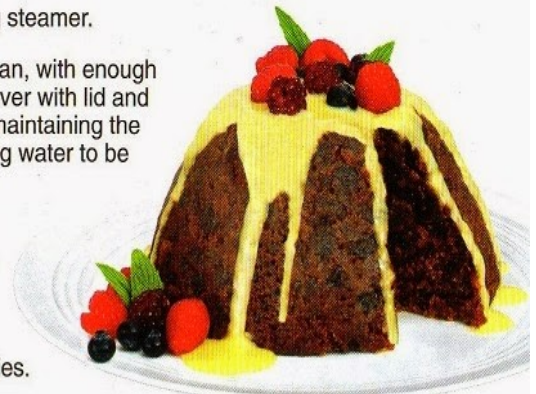
Sift in the flour and add all other remaining dry ingredients. Mix well with a wooden spoon.

Pour ingredients into the greased Avanti® pudding steamer.

Place pudding steamer in a boiler or large saucepan, with enough water to come halfway up the side of the bowl. Cover with lid and gently steam for 3 hours, regularly checking and maintaining the level of the water throughout by refilling with boiling water to be half way up the side of the bowl.

Once cooked, leave to stand for 10 minutes. Once cooled, use a spatula to gently run between the cooked pudding and the bowl. Then place directly onto a flat surface to release.

Serve fresh with warmed custard and summer berries.



Wish Lists

- Spare clothes
- Unwanted dressing up outfits

Local Events

Cinderella
14 Dec 2018 - 13 Jan 2019
Swansea Grand Theatre
7.00pm. Various times, please see schedule.

You shall go to the ball this Christmas with the spectacular



Waterfront Winterland

16 Nov 2018 - 6 Jan 2019
City centre

10.00am. Opening times vary, please check the website.

Swansea's biggest Christmas attraction opens for the festive season!

