

## Banbury School Day Nursery Newsletter

3rd December 2021



### Dates to remember

We are closed:

We close for Christmas on Thursday 16th December 2021 at 5:30pm

We reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022

The last day of this term is Thursday 16th December - we are not open on Friday 17th December due to the school site being closed.

### Reminders

**Packed lunches:** If your child has food in their packed lunchbox that needs cutting (for example grapes, baby tomatoes, chunks of cheese), please cut them so they are rectangular in shape - this will help to prevent a child choking. If the food is not cut safely unfortunately this food will be sent home.



**Christmas dress up:** On the last week of term - Monday 13th to Thursday 16th December - we would like to invite/encourage you to dress your child in anything Christmas themed and the teachers will be dressing up too. We will also have a little party on the Thursday lunchtime.

## Other information

**Developmental summaries:** Your child's key worker is currently completing their developmental summary and these will be sent home soon. This is a written document describing their development in the different areas of learning. It focuses on and tells you their strengths and abilities and may also contain some advice on anything which may be beneficial for parents to support at home to further extend their learning.

There is a new section on the developmental summaries which asks the key worker to put what section they are on from their 'WellComm assessment', this is something new which was brought into nursery in September. Either your child's key worker or the senior member of staff in the room will complete this, it assesses your child's interactions, speech, language and communication skills and can identify any areas of concern or where a child may need extra support.

The assessment comes in 'sections' which the child must complete to move onto the next one and they will be scored per section and each child will be banded in a traffic light system - green means no intervention is currently required, amber means extra support and intervention may be needed, and red means consider referral to a specialist service for further advice and give extra support and intervention.

**Parents evening:** Parents meetings will hopefully take place in January depending on the circumstances at the time with regards to Covid. Each room will hold their parents evening on a different night and aim to use an appointment system with your child's key worker to

ensure there are staggered times when coming in. Andrea will keep parents updated in the new year with any plans for this.

### Activities and recipes to try at home

Activity: Christmas Tree Sensory Play -

<https://alittlepinchofperfect.com/no-mess-christmas-tree-sensory-play-activity-for-kids/>

Activity: Christmas Tree Footprint -

<https://raisinglittlesuperheroes.com/christmas-tree-footprint-craft/>

Recipe: Gingerbread Stars -

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/ultimate-easy-gingerbread>

Recipe: Cheese Stars -

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/cheese-stars>

Video: Peppa Pig - Santa's Visit -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VO\\_sYF3Yjcc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VO_sYF3Yjcc)

Video: Cocomelon - Christmas at the Farm -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgtWxRdTxy4>