



Christmas Trips & Celebrations



Nursery and Reception children will be going out of school to watch the **Key Stage 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal** at St Barnabas Church on the morning of **Wednesday 13th December**. Nursery would welcome some parent volunteers to accompany us on this trip. We should return to school by **10.30am**.



Our **Christmas Dinner** in school will be served on **Tuesday 19th December**. We will also be having a **Christmas Party** on that afternoon.

You are welcome to wear your Christmas jumpers or party clothes to school on this day.

Parent Partnership

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child please email: safeguarding@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk



If a new scooter or bicycle is on your child's list for Father Christmas, we would be delighted to have any trikes, balance bikes or pedal bikes that your child has outgrown to refresh our Early Years bike collection.

EYFS Christmas Celebration Assembly

We would like to invite all EYFS parents to join us on the morning of **Wednesday 20th December** from **9.30-10am** when we are planning to perform a brief medley of seasonal songs and dances for your delight and entertainment!.
All Welcome!

End of Autumn Term

Thursday 21st December
School closes at 2pm and reopens on **Monday 8th January**.

This Week in the EYFS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the EYFS. We have begun our Christmas preparations, and our classrooms are beginning to look very festive with Christmas trees and decorations appearing all over the setting. We have also begun practising the Christmas songs and rhymes which we hope you will enjoy hearing when you join us on the morning of **Wednesday 20th December** (see below for details).

This week **Nursery** have been opening their **Advent Calendar** and thinking about Christmas preparations. We learned that **pantomime** is a **tradition**, as we heard the traditional story of '**The Pied Piper of Hamelin**' ahead of the visit from the Hobgoblin Theatre Company. After hearing the story we made a character portrait and story map. In addition we sequenced the letters of our name and learned that the initial letter is always represented by an **upper case** or **capital letter**, subsequent letters should be **lower case** (**our Word of the Week**). **Nursery's** weekly letter/sound in phonics is **Pp**. We are thinking about things that begin with that letter/sound and are clapping the syllables in each word to develop our phonological awareness.



Reception have read the story '**Oh No George!**'. They have written a letter to George with advice about doing the right thing. They have continued their phonics programme focusing on **y** and **z & zz**. In mathematics they have been investigating 4 sided shapes and have also been thinking about time and the sequence of events in our school day.

On **Thursday 7th** EYFS enjoyed a visit from the **Hobgoblin Theatre Company** who performed '**The Pied Piper of Hamelin**'. Thank you to you and to the PTA for your contributions towards the cost of this.

Book Bags & Changing Bags

Changing bags & book bags should be brought to school every day.

Although we do have spare clothes it is a challenge for staff to find items from our stock which fit particular individuals on demand, and children are a lot happier to put on clothing which they recognise as belonging to them.

Change in Nursery lunch prices

Nursery lunches now cost £2.65 daily – please make sure you pay the new price from the 8th January.

Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

We would welcome donations of carrier bags, and any outgrown wellington boots, shoes, leggings or jogging bottoms.

Children also need to continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day. Please make sure it is named.

All personal property should be labelled clearly with your child's name and class!

It will help us to help your child to learn to look after their property.