

# Newsletter December 2024



## Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that December is already here.



The season of Advent has started on Sunday, December the 1<sup>st</sup> and will last until Christmas. It is a very special and exciting time allowing us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Advent reminds Christians of Jesus’s birth, His presence with us, and His second coming. Throughout December, we will be learning all about the true meaning of Christmas. The children will take part in decorating our christmas tree, experimenting with colours, and engaging in creative activities. They will also learn Christmas songs during Advent.

We would like to send a huge Thank You to all parents who purchased Christmas photos and for the lovely comments on this project. We are still in the process of finalizing the sales, and the exact figure will be provided to you in the next newsletter.

A big thank you to all parents who attended our recent parent consultation. It was our pleasure to celebrate your child’s progress and milestones at preschool alongside their key practitioner. Your involvement and support are incredibly motivating, and they play a key role in inspiring our practitioners as they continue nurture and guide your child’s learning journey.

Upcoming Events	News
<p>Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> <b>Guess the name of the snowman</b> – Fundraising Please join us in this fun game of choosing a snowman and writing your child’s name on it. All the snowmen will be put together in one pot for the prize draw. The winning prize is a Festive hamper full of children goodies. The draw will take place on <b>Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December.</b></p> <p>From Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> - <b>Christmas Raffle ticket will be on sale.</b> The cost of one ticket is £1. The prize is a Festive food hamper, and the draw will take place on <b>Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December.</b></p> <p>Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas jumpers/ Festive colours</b> On the last few days of this term, we would like to invite children to wear Christmas themed clothes, red-green, Christmas outfits, jumpers etc.</p>	<p><b>Staff</b> We are pleased to welcome our new staff member, <b>Meseret Christmas</b> to our team. Some of you may have already met her. Meseret brings many years of childcare experience and is a lovely addition to our team.</p> <p><b>The Oral Health Team</b> Clare Brown will be visiting the preschool on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of December to talk to the children about the importance of tooth brushing. Clare will lead the session making it both fun and educational, helping the children learn how to take care of their teeth.</p> <p><b>St Francis Of Assisi School Nativity Play</b> School leavers will be visiting St Francis of Assisi School to watch their KS1 Nativity Play.</p>

## Christmas Party - Last Day - 20<sup>th</sup> of December

There are no sessions for the children on this day. All children are invited to Friary Preschool Christmas Party. The party will start at 9.00am and finish at 11.45am. Children can wear party clothes of their choice. All parents and carers are invited at 11.55 to watch the children singing Christmas songs and meeting Father Christmas. Please do not be late for the children performance as it is only a few minutes show and it will start promptly at 12.00.

No internet signal - We would like to apologize for not providing any updates, pictures etc on Tapestry. This is due to our broadband and phone line transition to different services. We had no internet signal since Thursday's afternoon until Monday afternoon.

Please look out for our Parents/ Carers questionnaire which will soon be sent to you via email. We kindly ask you to take a few moments and send us your feedback. Your feedback will enable us to improve the preschool performance.

### Reminders

- Last day of Autumn Term – Friday, the **20<sup>th</sup> of December**. Preschool will be closed for Christmas break. The first day back after Christmas holidays is Monday, the **6<sup>th</sup> of January 2025**.

#### **FUNDING – Funded 2-year-olds and 30 Hours Extended Free Entitlement**

Parents and Carers are reminded that it is their responsibility to apply and obtain the necessary codes (if entitled) to cover the costs of childcare sessions. If you have not obtained a code in good time/ reconfirmed your eligibility every three months, then the Friary Preschool will potentially not be able to claim the cost of your child's place and we will need to charge you for the sessions that Funding is not available to be claim.



#### SNACK donation.

Thank you so much to everyone remembering to bring a piece of fruit for snack time and to those donating money towards our healthy snacks. Please can we continue to encourage this from as many as possible.

#### Friary Preschool Contact Details:

For general enquiries, these can be emailed to the Friary Preschool using the following email address: [info@friarypreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@friarypreschool.co.uk) or by telephone on 01293 403873.