Dear Parent/Carer

Nursery News

We have begun a new topic of Christmas and winter in Scotland. We have already begun making Christmas pictures, taking winter walks and have been practising our songs and lines for the Nativity. Some of our main outcomes for this topic are: ‘As I explore Christian stories, images, music and poems, I am becoming familiar with some beliefs Christian people have about God and Jesus’ RME 0-01a and ‘Representing my class, school and/or wider community encourages my self-worth and confidence and allows me to contribute to and participate in society’ HWB 0-12a

Topic Rhymes
Our rhymes this month will be the songs we will be performing for the Nativity and St Andrew’s House: Little Donkey, Away in a Manger, Silent Night, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Jingle Bells and When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney.

Topic Stories
Our stories for this topic will be The First Christmas and The Gingerbread Man

Sound of the Week
Our sounds this week will be Hh (2/12), Rr (9/12) and Mm (16/12)

Primary One Enrolment
January is always an exciting time of year when we begin our registration for children who will start school in August 2020. Registration takes place during the week beginning 13th January 2020. An appointment list will be available in the nursery for you to choose your own appointment, or you can contact the school office.

Care Inspectorate Report
We had a visit from the Care Inspectorate in September and were inspected under two themes; Quality of care and Support and Quality of environment. We received a grading of 5 for both meaning we were deemed to be Very Good in these areas. Thank you to all parents who completed questionnaires. The report is displayed in the foyer and is also available online on the Care Inspectorate website.

Christmas Party
Our Christmas party is on Tuesday the 17th December. More details to follow.

St Andrews Court Hamper and Visit
Every year we collect food items to make a hamper for the residents of St Andrew’s Court. A box for donations will be in the foyer from Monday 2nd December. A list of suggested food items can be found next to the box.

The children will be going to sing Christmas songs to the residents on Wednesday 18th December at 2pm.

Nativity
Our Nativity will take place on Friday 13th December at 2pm. Tickets for the Nativity are available for purchase on Parent Pay. They are limited to 4 per child in the first instance and cost £3 each. There will be refreshments available at the end of the performance.
Lunch
The children will have their Christmas lunch on the 11th December. If you have not ordered a Christmas lunch and would like to, please see a member of staff as soon as possible.

Change of Clothes
The nursery has very few clothes for changing children. Please leave a change of clothing in case items get wet whilst outdoors.

Scooters and Bikes
For health and safety reasons, all bikes and scooters need to be left outside the nursery or taken home.

Lunchboxes
A wee reminder that Greenhills Primary is a nut free school - could you please check that all sandwich spreads (e.g. chocolate) are nut free.

Stay and Play
Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to Stay and Play. The children very much enjoy showing taking their parent/carer around the nursery and playing with them. Here are a few of the parent’s comments from our evaluations:

'I like coming into the nursery to see them interacting with all the other children and letting them show me what they enjoy doing.’
'I enjoyed spending time with my child in the nursery playing.’
'Always enjoy stay and play. The kids love Greenhills Nursery, No improvement needed!’
'We are extremely happy with all aspects of the care and support for our daughter. Keep up the good work! Thank you.’
'I can see an improvement at home with her learning. Enjoyed stay and play.’
'My daughter wanted to play in the house corner mainly. I have noticed at home however that she is able to tell me about different parts of a book, her mark making has also improved although I have not seen this during stay and play I have noticed the impact of nursery has had on my daughter already. She absolutely loves nursery.’

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy 2020.