



School News

Friday 6th December 2024



Happy Friday everyone!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The children have posted their letters and the Jolly Postman has collected them to take to the North Pole. The children have had a lovely time decorating their classrooms. Our school is filled with Christmas magic and we are excited about the lovely events coming up over the next few weeks.

Christmas Food Bank Collection

We are collecting items for our local food bank at **The Drive L14**. Please bring your donations into school and hand the to your child's class teacher. We would be very grateful for the following:

- o Tins
- o Pasta
- o Rice
- o Cupboard staples

We appreciate that the cost of living crisis continues to affect us all. We are grateful for any donations, however small, for this worthwhile local charity. Thank you all in advance.

Parent Drop-ins /Coffee Mornings

We had a super turnout for our parent workshops with Miss Tinsley and Mrs Haymes. After the Christmas break, we will be hosting further coffee mornings and Stay and Play sessions so that parents can come into school to find out more about the magical experience of being a child in their early years. We always endeavour to offer these event son different days of the week to accommodate working patterns. Further details will follow in the new year.

Winter coats

Please ensure your child has **a nice warm coat with a hood for school**. Children require the additional warmth of a winter coat.

Hats, scarves, gloves and umbrellas not appropriate for school. Hats, scarves and gloves go missing and also restrict a child's ability to play outdoors. Once the gloves get wet outside, they actually make the child feel colder and uncomfortable. Let me reassure you that in very cold weather, children will spend only very short periods of time outdoors with lots of opportunities to warm themselves up indoors.

Attendance and Timekeeping:

This is the time of year when children pick up bugs. If your child is too poorly sick to come to school, the best place for them is at home resting. This allows them to make a swift recovery and prevents the spread of illness to other children.

Please ring the school office and let Joanne Jones know that they won't be in **on the first day of absence**. As a maintained nursery school, we follow the safeguarding procedures and policies of Liverpool City Council. As such, any **unexplained absences may be followed up as a safeguarding concern**.

Names on all belongings / lost property basket

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please check the **lost property basket** in the library area for any un-named missing items.

NELI Nursery Rhyme

Next week, our rhyme will be **"Jack and Jill"** Each day, children will focus on a Special Word to develop and extend their vocabulary. Our Special Words next week are:

- hill
- broke
- tumble
- after



At home, you can support your child's learning by **using these words often in sentences**. For example, you might talk to your child about the word 'tumble' and show them how the tumble dryer turns the washing over and over and say "look at the tumble dryer. The washing is tumbling over inside the drum. That's why it's called a tumble dryer".

Nativity Performances

Before the children's nativity performances, you are invited to come and join us for a **mince pie, tea and coffee**. The actual performances will start at 9.30am (morning) or 2pm (afternoons). Refreshments will be available from 8.30am and 1.30pm.

The nativity performances take place in classrooms, where space is limited. Where two showings are offered, we request that families spread their attendance over the morning and afternoon. We will need to limit the audience to **2 family members per showing**. Thank you for your consideration.

Children's Christmas Party Days

Children wear their own clothes for their Christmas party. We ask for a **£5 donation** towards the cost of the party to be brought along on the day of your child's party.

Please note that your child only attends school for **one** of the party days. On the alternate day, they do not attend school.

In keeping with tradition at EPR, we are asking children to design and make a **Christmas party hat** at home that they will bring in to school to wear on their party day. Children wear their **party hat and own clothes** on party day.

Christmas dates and times:

Friday 13 th December	Rowan Class Nativity at 9.30am or 2pm
Monday 16 th December	Birch Class Nativity at 9.30am or 2pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Hazel Class Nativity at 9.30am
Wednesday 18 th December	Rowan Class and Nurture Base Christmas party day (11am – 2pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No breakfast club, lunch club or after school club on this day Birch and Hazel children do not come to school today
Thursday 19 th December	Birch Class and Hazel Class Snowman Christmas party day 11am – 2pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No breakfast club, lunch club or after school club on this day Rowan and Nurture Base children do not come to school today
Friday 20 th December	All children attend school 8.30am – 11.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closes at 11:00am for all children No lunch club or after school club
Monday 6 th January	Children return to school (normal times)

Finally, just a quick note about Elf on the Shelf. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Elf to demonstrate **positive behaviours** to your child. Children are very interested and motivated by what the Elf does. If you have an Elf on the Shelf, why not have him/her drawing a nice picture, tidying up, sorting the socks or reading a Christmas story?

This will have a far more positive influence on your child's learning and behaviour during the busy period before Christmas.

Have a lovely weekend. See you all on Monday 😊

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