



Downham Preparatory School and Montessori Nursery

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Newsletter to Prep & Nursery School Parents 25th November 2020

Children in Need

Thank you very much to all the parents in the Prep and the Nursery who kindly donated to the Children in Need appeal. The children enjoyed the day in their "own clothes" and we were pleased to be able to send £180.23 to Children in Need.

Teams Account/Christmas Performances

Please log in to the Teams account, using the email address we have provided for your child. If there are any problems, please let Mrs Law know ASAP. Each 'Bubble' will be recording their Christmas performance, which will then be put on to Teams so that you can watch it at home with your family and close relatives.

Piano Lessons

Under the new Covid guidelines we are now able to re-introduce individual piano lessons.

Miss Milsome, who has still been teaching some pupils via Zoom, will teach piano in a room that is not used for any other lessons. If you would be interested in piano lessons for your child, please let Mrs Law know.

Music/Drama

New guidelines were published this month for Music and Drama lessons. Singing in choirs and the use of wind instruments are still restricted to outdoors only and with a distance of 2 metres between each child/adult. However, we have been practising for our Christmas Performances within our Bubbles.

After Christmas we will be timetabling music and drama lessons again. If the restrictions are still in place, we will base our lessons on recorded music and percussion instruments.

Reminders:-

Christmas Performances – Costumes

All costumes and Christmas jumpers should have been brought in to school by today, Wednesday 25th November.

Christmas Cards

Each 'Bubble' now has their own posting box, inside their entrance door. The children can post their cards from Monday to Thursday. On Thursday afternoons, the cards will be taken away to be given out to the children on the following Monday – after they have been kept for the statutory 72 hours. The last day for posting will be Thursday 10th December, so that they can be distributed on the last Monday of term.

Please remember: the children can post cards in their box for children and teachers in other 'Bubbles'.

Christmas Presents

If you would like your child to receive a present from Santa, would you please send in a donation of £5.00 towards the cost. Please place the £5.00 in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, class and the words 'Christmas Present donation', and post it in the black letter box near the office door **by** Wednesday 2nd December. If you do **not** wish your child to receive a Christmas present, please inform the school office. Thank you.

Spare Clothes

If you have any spare clothes that you no longer need, particularly for boys and girls aged 4-7 years, please could you donate them to the school. Please put them in a bin liner and bring them to the school office. Thank you.