

Decorating the Christmas Tree

We have been invited to a Charity Christmas Tree Decorating Event at Lyme field Garden Centre in Broadbottom. All the children at nursery will make decorations for our tree. The tree will be based at Lyme field and the pre-school children will go down to the garden centre and decorate it with the homemade decorations. The tree will stay in situ at the garden centre for the Christmas period. We will be placing a collection box next to the tree and this year our chosen charity is Reubens Retreat—a very worthy local charity. Please visit the tree if you can. We will of course have another tree or two or three at nursery!



Recipe of the month: Mild Chickpea and Chicken Curry

We thought we would share our recipe for a creamy chicken curry that the children have at nursery—just right for the autumn and winter months ahead! This recipe feeds 2 children and 2 adults.

3 chicken breasts (free range if poss)

1 heaped tbsp half fat creme-fraiche

1 heaped teaspoon mango chutney

1 tablespoon mild curry powder or to taste

1 can of chickpeas

1 onion

1 clove of garlic

1 tin of coconut milk (light if preferred)

Add a drop of oil to a pan and cook the onions until soft and translucent. Add the garlic and cook for a few minutes (be careful not to brown the garlic or it will be bitter). Chop the chicken breasts into small cubes and add to the pan along with the curry powder. Let the chicken cook for a few minutes then add the chickpeas and coat them in the spices and oil.

Add the coconut milk and cook for 20 minutes making sure the chicken is cooked through and the sauce has thickened (you may need to add a little water if the sauce gets too thick). Stir in the mango chutney and crème fraiche just before serving.

Serve with basmati rice and a naan bread. Yum yum!



COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

Please make sure your child has a warm layer that she/he can put on whilst at nursery- this can be kept at nursery on your child's peg if you wish. The nursery has a free-flow policy which means the children have free access to the outdoors from their play rooms. We don't want to have to ask children to stay inside due to them not being warmly dressed for the outdoors.

Recommend a friend and receive a £25 Marks and Spencer Voucher*

*All parents that recommend a friend who registers and takes up a place at nursery will receive a £25 voucher to spend at Marks and Spencer.



KINDERVIEW NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our autumn newsletter.

Hasn't the time gone fast? It's hard to believe we are half way through the autumn half term already. Time seems to go so fast at nursery as we are all really busy making sure our children have a great experience every single day.

Review of parents questionnaire

Back in September we asked all parents to complete a questionnaire all about their experience of nursery so far. We also asked for comments and ideas to help improve our service to you. We were delighted with the response from all parents with 100% of you either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the quality of all the different areas we asked you about. In response to parents wanting to make sure their children get 5 portions of fruit and vegetables every day we have revised our menu's to make sure every day there is a wide variety of fruit and vegetables on offer and that the light tea always consists of fruit for pudding.

If any parents would like to be part of our Parents Committee please let either Louise or Suzanne know.

On the book theme— if any parents have shared a really good book with their children at home and think it's a good one for nursery please let us know and we will try and purchase it for nursery. Children like reading books they are familiar with.



Enjoying books outdoors

St Margaret's Primary School Open Days

The head teacher would like to express his thanks to all the children and their parents who had a look round the school. Having recently had a very positive Ofsted report the school offers great primary education for local children. There is proven evidence to suggest that faith schools achieve better outcomes for children: see a recent article in the Telegraph <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2016/03/14/primary-school-tables-faith-schools-dominating-rankings/>

Book of the week & Book Lending Scheme

Book of the week is very popular amongst the children. From November we will have a book lending scheme for all children. See the notice board for further details.



Making friends

Getting 'School Ready' in pre-school

Each week our pre-school children will visit St Margaret's school (next door) to join in with story time. We will alternate the days of the week our children visit school so that everyone will get a chance to listen to Mrs Beaumont (Deputy Head) read a story and get a chance to see what its like in Reception.

Christmas Celebrations

Our children will be joining the schools infant department in putting on a nativity play for parents and friends. More details on times and dates will follow shortly. A real donkey and a walk to a local inn are all in store.

Infant children from St Margaret's School



Christmas Holiday Closures

Nursery will close to children in receipt of a funded place on Friday 16th Dec. For all other children we close for Christmas on Friday 23rd Dec at 4.30pm.

We re-open to all children on Tuesday 3rd Jan 2017.

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal

We are asking parents if they can bring in one or two items that can be placed in a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. We will provide the shoe boxes and the £3 donation per box. The children will help wrap the boxes and organise the presents. Please see the parents information board for suitable gifts to bring in to nursery. Alternatively look online at <https://www.samaritanspurserg.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for more information.



Footytotz at Kinderview

Footytotz will be delivering a programme of different sports based activities at nursery using the school hall as a base. There will be no extra charge for children attending these sessions up to Christmas.

Footytotz combines educational themes covered in the early years curriculum with an introduction to learning basic sports skills. The classes will help all children gain self confidence, improve social interaction and support agility, balance and coordination.

From November until Christmas these activities will take place on a Friday morning. It is hoped that after Christmas we can change the day of our sessions so that other children can participate who don't attend on a Friday (this was the only available session this half term).

It is suggested that children wear pumps or trainers on their feet for these sessions as it is quite physical with lots of running about on a wooden 'sports hall' floor.



Children learn in many different ways

LearningBook helping you keep in touch with nursery: www.mylearningbook.co.uk

One of the ways you can keep in touch with nursery is through the Learning Book. We ask parents to complete 3 things online including:

1. All about me—the first page of the online Learning Book which enables parents to tell us key information about their child. This can be used by the child's Key Person to help them settle in.
2. The 'Home' page where parents can add home photographs and make comments about their child's achievements both at home and at nursery.
3. The 'Assessment' page where you will see Baseline Assessments (completed during the first few weeks at nursery), 2 Year Progress Checks and end of year Summative Assessments. Parents should read through the reports and make comments in the appropriate sections.

