



Sandcastles

A note from Cindy

Well here we are everyone heading towards Christmas, there is a lot of craft preparation going on in all the rooms at the minute and we're looking forward to what little masterpieces are going to be displayed this year for everyone to enjoy. Thankfully so far we've not been affected with any bad weather so the boys and girls have been still able to enjoy the outdoors, some days in between the showers but still getting out to enjoy running around in the leaves and playing games with the footballs and hula hoops. Welcome to the children who have recently joined the Sandcastles family you and your mum's and dad's are very welcome and we hope you have lots of fun making new friends and enjoying all the different things that are happening in your rooms.

We've had some visitors this month in Sandcastles some lovely little babies no more than 16weeks old who have been coming along every Wednesday morning with their mummies to enjoy a Baby Massage class which is running.

I've heard in the pipeline that there's going to be another special visitor in Sandcastles on 23rd December at the Christmas Party for all the boys and girls to meet, we're looking forward to a fun filled afternoon. I'm sure there's going to be a lot of excitement in the run up to the Christmas holidays from all the children.



I'll take this opportunity now to wish all of our families and children a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year for 2016.

See you all at the Christmas Party.

Cindy xxx

A note from Nikki & Joanne

Hi everyone we can't believe we're round to this time of year again where everyone's talking about Christmas. We hope your all in the swing of getting prepared the talk of Christmas between all the children seems to be the main topic at the minute since after the half term holidays!!

We thought everyone looked really well for the Mid-Term Party with all the children and some staff dressing up, everyone had lots of fun taking part in the fun and games throughout the day.

Management and Staff would like to wish Barry and his wife Cathy all the best as they await the arrival of their first baby. We can't wait to meet the little one.

As we approach December we come to that time of year where preparations begin for the Christmas Party, we have included at the end of the newsletter details, which you can keep as a reminder. The

Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 23rd December from 3pm-5pm. We hope you're all able to come along and join in the fun and activities that are being planned for the day and of course take your little one's to visit Santa in the Grotto.

We've also included in the Newsletter this month a copy of 2016 holidays for your reference. We've had a few requests lately of what our closure will be next year, so we have put together the dates for everyone.

On the run up to Christmas we have decided to take part in the "Text Santa" Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 18th December 2015, each child donates £1.00 and we'll have a donation bucket in the foyer to see what we can help raise. We hope you'll all join in the fun that day as it's supporting, **We Are MacMillan, Make A Wish & Save The Children.**

We Look forward to seeing you all at Christmas Party and would like to wish you all a Lovely Christmas and Happy New Year for 2016.

Nikki & Joanne



Tiny Tots News

Hi to One and All



We have been having lot's of fun over the past couple of months. Our big activities have been water play when we've had lots of fun bathing the dollies. We also had a splish splash and made lots of bubbles.

The children have also enjoyed body painting, they loved rolling about and feeling how slippery the paint was, lot's of fun was had rubbing their hands through it letting them experience the smooth texture of the paint.



We were fortunate enough on some of the dry days in the last few weeks to get out for a couple of walks with the children. Which they absolutely loved. We went to Megaw Park, when we enjoyed the walk along in the buggies seeing all around us. We waved to the cars and listened to the leaves crunching as the buggies went over the tops of them.

We're now getting ready to do all our Christmas craft. Our theme is Winter and Christmas. We will be very busy painting, sticking and colouring our wreaths, snowmen, reindeer and much more. We will also be singing lots of Christmas songs, this will help motion skills develop while doing the actions and help our concentration. Look out for our lovely creations of craft that will be displayed around the room in the coming weeks.

Our favourite things to play with in the room are the trains, we love to get the train table out and have lots of fun pushing the trains around making lot's of "choo choo" noises. Playing with the footballs is still a firm favourite in the room with all the children. Trying to catch and kick them between each other and the girls. The younger boys and girls in the room like the textured balls and they also love to watch the balloons floating in the air. We love playing with the bubbles, watching them float and trying to catch them too.

Everyone looked great for the Mid-Term Dress-Up Party, thanks to everyone who dressed up you all looked brilliant and we had a really fun day.

Big Happy 1st Birthday to Evie M who is 1 in November, Evie A who is 1 in December and to James and Georgia who are 1 in December. Happy 2nd Birthday to Erin, Caedan and Lyla who turn 2 in November. We hope you have lots of fun celebrating with your friends and family together.

We'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope you all have a lovely special time over the holidays.

Melissa, Catherine, Lynsey, Rebecca, Nicole, Linda & Catherine.

xxx



Happy Birthday
to:

1st

Evie M

James

Georgia

Evie A

2nd

Erin

Lyla

Caedan

4th

Adam

Daniel

8th

Colin



Toddler News

As we approach the last few months of 2015 toddlers are gearing up for a fun filled final two months. We are already busy preparing for Christmas and with less than seven weeks to go we are all getting super excited to start the celebrations.

Over the next few weeks we will be teaching the children special festive songs and rhymes during circle time and I will get a copy of the words to the songs for everyone very soon. We will also be using Christmas themed flash cards to reinforce items and objects most commonly associated to the season.

Circle time is an important part of our daily routine. We usually have it before lunch and it will last for around thirty minutes. It is literally called circle time as all the children and staff sit together on chairs in a circle which helps focus the children's energy and attention. This environment of togetherness gives children a sense of belonging and security and gives them the confidence to participate in the activities.

Circle time is where communication, language, social and emotional and intellectual skills are developed. Daily we discuss the days of the week, months of the year, weather and numbers. Through repetition and song we learn the order on which the days, months and numbers go. Through actions we learn where our parts of the body are and through flash cards we begin to recognise shapes, colours and animals. All toddlers are encouraged to join in, to sing and talk as part of the group and on a one to one basis.

As part of a large group they learn to focus on the needs of their peers, listening to them and learning to wait until someone is finished before taking their turn. Sharing and participation within circle time is an important tool they learn and through new sounds and words your child's understanding of words and language begins to expand. Who would have thought your child would gain so much from circle time. Why not talk to them about the days of the week and numbers?

We would like to welcome Arthur, Alice and Adam into toddlers. Each of you have already integrated into our room well and made many new friends.



On behalf of everyone in toddlers can I say a massive thank you for your support this year and we wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

JoJo, Barry, Lynsey, Mandy, Eimear, Valerie, Danielle, Suzanne xxx

Pre School News



As I sit here writing this month's newsletter the table is full of Christmas craft books, hard to believe it has come round already.

Excitement is growing in our room for sure but thankfully "Santa's Robins" will be arriving soon to keep an eye on everyone and keep Santa posted on everyone's behaviour!!

We've got a busy room at the minute as we've had a number of children who have moved up to join us from Toddler Room. We are trying at the minute to encourage the use of our "listening ears", simple things like no running inside, no shouting and being a little kinder to our friends. It really helps if we all work together so sometimes having a chat at home from mummy and daddy is a huge help for us. The room is a little younger in age at the minute and

it takes a little time for everyone to settle into their new room environment and into new routines together.

Our next couple of months are busy with all our Christmas preparations so I apologise now for all the glitter!! We've heard a rumour that Santa's Robins are also on their way so keep an eye out for well behaved boys and girls on the run up to Christmas.

We are not the only ones busy as Barry is very soon to become a Daddy for the first time, so we wish him and his wife Cathy the very best of luck and lots of happiness (and sleep!)

Birthday wishes go to Adam and Daniel in December. Many Happy Returns boys we hope you have lots of fun celebrating with friends and family.

That's all for now we will keep you posted on any information about Christmas.

If there's anything you want

to speak to us about don't forget we're always here, just ask.

We would just like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and parents a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Denise, Barry & Victoria



2016 Holidays

New Years Day 1st January 2016

St Patricks Day Thursday 17th March 2016

Good Friday 25th March 2016

Easter Monday 27th March 2016

Easter Tuesday 28th March 2016

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2016

July Week Mon 11th July — Fri 15th July 2016



After School News



Hey Guys,

Well the half term holidays are behind us and what a blast we had. The Afterschool's just kicked back and relaxed (in the usual fashion) and had plenty of fun. We chilled out with some awesome DVDs, took a lovely Autumn Stroll, cooked up a storm (with some Rocky Road's) and of course, finished the week off with a PARTY!! Everyone in Afterschool's dressed up and all looked really well!!

And now we are back to school, homework's and hard work, and speaking of hard work, Tyler has worked very hard on our theme for this month. Tyler wants to be an Under water Welder when he grows up so he has filled us in on all the facts. What they do, where they work, what they wear, and Tyler even helped Heather plan some activity sheets so pop in and check it all out, you might learn a thing or too.

Speaking of parties, we want to wish Colin (8) a Massive Happy Birthday and hope he has a great party, Whoop whoop! With the birthdays mentioned we have one other special date to look forward too... CHRISTMAS!!

Our Christmas Holiday count down has begun and we have already started planning some special Christmas Crafts to make. To help us with this can All Afterschool children please bring in two socks, one white and the other can be any colour or pattern that you wish!

Well that's it from us guys, remember to pop back and find out what our next afterschool wants to be when they grow up!



Happy Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone

See you all later

Heather, Emma & Eileen xx

Christmas Holiday's

Thursday 24th December 2015

to

Friday 1st January 2016

We would like to wish all our parents and children



*a very Happy Christmas and
A Happy New Year*

Re-Opening on
Monday 4th January 2016
@ 7.45am