

The Laurels Nursery School



PART OF THE LAURELS GROUP OF NURSERIES

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Christmas Newsletter 2011



Festive Dates for your Diary:

Christmas Post

From **Thursday 1st December** our bright red Christmas post boxes will be available in the entrance hallways offering a daily postal service for the children to send Christmas cards to their friends. Also, we have attached a letter to Father Christmas for you and your child to complete together at home and return it to post in the Nursery. Your child will receive a personal reply from Father Christmas!

On **Wednesday 14th December** a Christmas fancy dress party has been arranged for the 0-2's and 2-3's units between 3.00pm & 4.30pm. On **Tuesday 13th December** the children in the Coach House will be holding their Christmas fancy dress party between 3.00pm & 4.30pm.

Parents, if your child does not attend Nursery during these sessions, you are most welcome to bring them along and stay to join in with the festive fun.

The Coach House children will sing Christmas Carols in the outdoor play area on **Tuesday 20th December** between 3.30pm & 4.00pm. Parents or Grandparents are very welcome to come along and enjoy a warm mince pie and mulled fruit punch whilst joining in with the carols!

Christmas Lunch!

Davina, our Nursery cook, will be preparing the children a delicious traditional Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 20th December**.

The Coach House Christmas Performance

On **Monday 19th and Thursday 22nd December** the children in the Coach House classrooms will be performing a nursery nativity play 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'.

Parents will receive invitations for the performances nearer the time.



Other Christmas Information to Note!

Christmas Activities

In the run up to Christmas, the Coach House children will be creating a traditional nativity scene in their role play area and this year our festive competition is called 'design a Christmas Stocking'. All the children can enter by designing and producing a decorative Christmas stocking at home and then bringing it along to

Nursery by **Wednesday 14th December**. All the Christmas stockings will be put on display and prizes will be presented to the most creative entries. Certificates will be awarded to all the children who enter the competition in recognition of their efforts.

Traditional Christmas Stories

On Thursday afternoons throughout December, Angela Kennedy who is the Children's Coordinator for Queniborough church, will be visiting the Nursery to read traditional Christmas stories to the children using a variety of interesting props.

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"Poppies" enjoying Kimbles music and movement!

Fees 2012

We are delighted to be able to confirm that there will be no increase in fees at The Laurels in January!

We have given the matter a great deal of thought and we bear in mind the very difficult climate that everyone is facing, but we do not wish to make parents and carers financial balancing act more difficult by adding to their existing childcare costs.

The freeze in fee scales will be put in place until October 2012 when it will be reviewed when we know the extent of the Governments minimum wage figure which has the main effect on our own costs as a business.

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Supporting Children in Need!

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Thank you to everyone who helped us raise a grand total of £252.69 for Children in Need!

Staff News

Congratulations to Leanne Lagor who is getting married on New Year's Eve.

Several of our staff team have recently attended Safeguarding Training and a Kimble's Music and Movement course. These courses keep the team up to date and provides fresh ideas for them to be able to offer the children a wider variety of physical activities and body awareness.



Reading time at the Library

Parents, if you need to contact Hayley or her team, the Coach House Classrooms direct number is 01162693714.

Please note the following important information!

Winter Clothing

Parents, during the cold winter months please can you send your child to Nursery fully prepared to enjoy outdoor activities in suitable warm clothing and footwear. Please don't forget to clearly label your child's belongings.

Christmas Competition

The children in all age groups have the opportunity to enter the 'decorate a Christmas tree' competition. Just detach the picture of a Christmas Tree with this Newsletter and your child

can decorate it using whatever festive decorative materials they choose. Then bring it back to Nursery by **Friday 16th December** when it will be on display and Sarah will be awarding festive prizes to the winner of each age group.

Christmas & New Year Holidays

Please remember that the Nursery will be closed on **Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th December** and on **Monday 2nd January**.

Additions to our Nursery Group

We are delighted to be able to announce that, on the 28th October, we purchased a company called Childspace Limited which has three Nurseries based in Leicestershire.

The new Nurseries are located in Oadby, Narborough and on the Knighton Road in Leicester and all have the "Childspace" name as part of their ownership.

Welcome to all staff and parents to The Laurels Group of Nurseries!

We currently have 2 'Star' employees - Georgia Lay & Jade Winfield who have been nominated by their colleagues. Georgia deserves special recognition as this is the 2nd time she has been nominated. Well Done!



Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from The Laurels Nursery School

