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What’s the Buzz in January?

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome back to Nursery! We hope you all had a very happy and peaceful Christmas break. Thank you all so much for your kind and thoughtful Christmas wishes. We certainly had a very busy December and January will be packed with lots of fun and learning! We can’t wait to see what new experiences this year will bring for the children.

**Family Project**

For our January Family Project, children will work with their families to create a snowman. They may want to make a snow king, a snow queen, a superhero snowman, etc. If you need any help with ideas, please ask your class teacher. Finished projects are to be returned by Monday 29th January.

**Monthly Theme**

The theme for this month is: Winter and Artic Animals and the colours **silver** and **white**.

**Suggested activities to do with your child**

* Going on a winter walk looking for signs of winter
* Dressing for winter- managing coat, hat, scarf and gloves independently **(please encourage this)**
* Caring for the birds and animals in winter – leaving out seeds
* Science activity: Use ice from freezer / outside (weather permitting) and put into a bowl. Place bowl near heater or on a windowsill to observe what happens.

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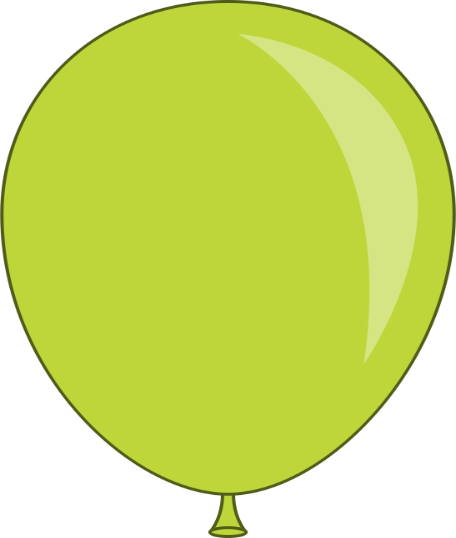


**Health Visitor**

The Health Visitor has scheduled to come to our school on Monday 15th January to have individual meetings with parents. This is a great opportunity to raise any issues or concerns as some of our children missed their two year reviews due. The questionnaire you were given before Christmas will be used as a guide for these meetings. **Please also bring your child’s red book.** There is a sign-up sheet for times on the Nursery office door.

**Primary One Applications**

Applications for Primary 1 (and Nursery) will open up on Tuesday 9th January at 12.00pm. Parents can make their applications online by logging into the Citizen’s Portal on the EA website. The application process closes on Friday 26th January 12.00pm. If you have any questions or concerns about the applications, please ask your class teacher.



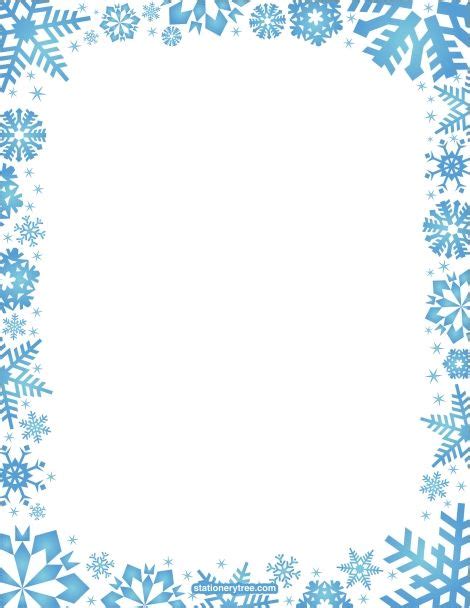
**Nursery Birthdays**

Happy birthday to all these children who have birthdays during the month of January.

***6th – Isla-Rose Mc Dermott***

***8th – Caynan Conaghan***

***30th – Aiden Mc Cormick***



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**Grandparent’s Day**

We are delighted to be able to plan our Grandparent’s Day again for our wonderful families. Each child will invite their grandparent(s) to come to school and spend the day with them to honour all the help they give us. This day will be held on Wednesday 31st January. More details will follow on SeeSaw.

**Learning Packs**

This term, we will begin to send home our Learning Packs along with your child’s book bag. This pack will contain an interactive game which will promote language or mathematical skills e.g. numbers and colours.

We understand how busy life can be but we would ask that you spend some time with your child playing these games as a family or even one on one a few times during the week. Learning packs should be returned on a Friday along with your child’s book bag.

**Transition Programme**

This term we will continue our extended school day only for those children attending Holy Child Primary School for Primary 1. Our extended day is part of our Transition Programme which hopes to help the settling in to Primary 1 process a lot quicker and easier for our children. They will get an opportunity to spend time with the teachers and their new environment.

**All children staying at Holy Child for Primary 1 will continue to stay until 2.00pm on a Tuesday starting from Tuesday 23rd January.**

**Dates for your diary**

**5th** - Term begins

**9th** – Primary 1 applications open

**15th** – Health Visitor

**23rd**  – Transition Programme

**26th** – Primary 1 applications close

**29t**h – Family project due

**31st** – Grandparents Day