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Newsletter December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas is fast approaching and the children are busy with all their Christmas activities and learning songs ready for the parent's afternoon.

Fundraising

We are putting together a Christmas box full of exciting goodies which you can buy a raffle ticket for and holding our Christmas shop where you can provide a donation of money for your child to buy a Christmas gift for their family members. This helps to boost the children's self esteem.

Policies

Can we please remind all parents that mobile phones are not permitted for use on Pathways site and children are asked not to bring in phones this is to ensure we can continue to safeguard all children in our care. Any children who bring in a mobile phone will have this taken off them and returned at the end of their session when they are collected. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Staff Training and Development

All staff appraisals are now completed and all staff have their own development plan in place, we are currently in the process of booking staff onto courses. We have now started our Excellence through reflection training and will be having a meeting in the new year to discuss our plans for 2017. If any parents have any suggestions or ideas they would like to put forward for our plans, please let a member of staff know or simply write this down on some paper.

Holidays

Funding will finish on Friday 16th December; however nursery will remain open for the following week so please book in and let a member of staff know if you will be attending. We will not be open on days where children have not booked in.

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We will be holding our annual Christmas parents afternoon on Tuesday 13th December 1.00-3.00, all parents, grandparents, family members and carers are invited along, even if this is not your child's usual day. We will be carrying out fun activities, having a little sing song and finishing with refreshments. This is also an ideal time to talk to your child's keyworker and look through their folders at their progress. We look forward to seeing you there.

Party day for nursery, pre-school and after-school will be held on Wednesday 14th December and this is free, yes a free day for you as a special gift from Pathways, all we ask is that you pick a food lotto from your child's room to bring along on the day. Please let a member of staff know if your child will be attending. Nursery and Pre-school 8.45-3.15 and after-school 3.10-5.30

We are currently looking for new trustee members. If you are interested in becoming a trustee for Pathways please speak to Becci or Laura who can explain more about this role.

Sharna has now taken over as the after school co-ordinator and is carrying out lots of fun activities in here. She is open to any suggestions from you and your children. I would like to thank Leanne for starting the after-school off in the new term and putting together all the new paperwork.

Please can I ask all parents to pay their bills of in full before we leave for the Christmas break, this has a knock on effect on Pathways if bills are not paid every month. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Dates

Tuesday 13th December - Parents afternoon 1.00-3.00

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas parties for all

Friday 16th December - Funding ends

Friday 23rd December - Nursery Closes

Tuesday 3rd January - Nursery opens and funding begins