



Dear Parents,

6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Christmas at Carr Hill!



We kicked off December in style with our performances of **Mary's Knitting** on December 1st. The children were fantastic at singing, dancing and acting and made everyone very proud. Thank you very much to parents who helped provide items of clothing and props for the fantastic costumes.



### St Swithun's Christmas Tree festival

This year it was the Foundation children's turn to decorate the Carr Hill tree at St Swithun's Church, at the beginning of December. The children in Miss Stallworthy and Mr Grayson's classes used the song words "O' Christmas tree, O' Christmas tree, how lovely are your branches" to inspire their hand printed tree decorations. Visitors to the church all complimented us on how effective these simple decorations were. Well done everyone!



Uniform – please can we remind you that it is expected that the children in both Nursery and Foundation 2 wear full uniform at all times. Please note that we ask for children to wear black school shoes rather than trainers and that trousers, dresses and skirts are grey. We pride ourselves on how smart our children look, but have noticed a few children coming to school wearing different clothing.

### Admissions to full time school for September 2018

If your child is currently in Nursery, they need to have applied for their full time place by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018. The Nottinghamshire admission website is: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions). The process takes roughly 15 minutes, but if you are unsure about any of it, please see Mrs Gaddes. We encourage parents to apply as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss the deadline. If you know anyone who may be interested in applying for a full time place at Carr Hill, please encourage them to come for a visit to see exactly what we get up to!

### Blogs

Have you visited our foundation stage blogs recently? We post pictures of the children every week and also a short description of the things we have done in class. There is also a facility to "Like" the blog. We have had very few hits on this button since September whereas our KS1 and KS2 blogs have lots....I think we have just made a new challenge for you!



## Christmas Enterprise Challenge



The Enterprise Challenge has been set once again and this year we will attempt to make more profit than our KS1 and KS2 rivals! Unlike the rest of the school, the foundation classrooms will not be open to parents. **We have found that the children don't like parents just visiting the classroom...they want them to take them along to the fair too, which unfortunately can't happen this time!** The children will be carrying on their usual afternoon of exciting activities. Mrs Holtom will be in the hall selling the stars that the Nursery children have made and also the reindeer candy canes made by the full time children. Our aim is to buy some new cameras for the children to use themselves so we need to make lots of money!

## Christmas party day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our Foundation Christmas Party. This will involve lots of party games, dancing, food and hopefully a special visitor. Please can the children come dressed in their party clothes but please bear in mind that the full time children will be playing outside at lunch time for an hour so it may be a good idea to leave sparkly shoes for parties at home. Please can all Nursery children arrive at 12:30 as morning Nursery is closed. The party will finish at 3:30? The children do not need to bring anything to eat or drink but are guaranteed a great afternoon.



## Foundation stage equipment

Please can we politely remind parents that children are not allowed to play on the slide in Nursery or with the Foundation stage bikes and scooters before and after school? We are not able to close the areas off, but need parents to remind their children of this. Children often run around to the Nursery play area out of sight of their parents. The nature of the equipment means that this is very unsafe. Mrs Alford has spoken to the children about this and will be monitoring it regularly.

## Tapestry

Finally, we would like to thank all the parents who are regular visitors to Tapestry. The number of observations being added by parents has risen tremendously. This gives us lots to talk about with the children and also allows the children to share photos that explain what they have been doing at home. It can often form part of what might have traditionally been part of a 'show and tell' session. The children take great pride in sharing in this way so please feel free to post lots of pictures!

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner (full time children)

- Carr Hill Christmas Enterprise Craft Fair 2pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Foundation Christmas party (Morning nursery will be closed - all Nursery children are invited to join us in the Nursery from 12:30 – 3:30)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day of term before Christmas holidays

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – INSET DAY (school closed for pupils)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Spring Term starts

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team if you have any queries.

Mrs Gaddes and the Foundation team.