



December Newsletter 2021

Dear families,

Welcome to the December issue of our nursery newsletter. We have some exciting festive experiences coming up for the children at this lovely time of year. Lots of 'invitations to learn' about the world around them, whilst following their uniqueness and promoting the children's creativity and imagination.



WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE COMING UP?

With Christmas around the corner, we will be introducing lots of festive enhancements to the learning environment from gingerbread / scented playdough, winter sensory experiences to salt dough decorations.

Please do visit our Little Manor Facebook page and Instagram where you can see further posts of the learning environment, the children exploring and the learning and development that takes place.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - this Friday!

On Friday 10th December we are joining in with Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Please could all children come to nursery wearing your favourite festive jumper. Donations will be kindly accepted.

The team have all planned lots of Christmas experiences for the children which will take place throughout December and for the week before Christmas week, we have a fun filled week to get us all into the Christmas spirit!



Monday 13th December- Festive Bake Off! Lots of Christmas bakes and treats to make and decorate.

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Stay and Play! (Lots of Christmas themed activities.

9.30am-10.30am (Bunnies room) 3pm-4pm (Hedghogs and Woodpeckers) Again we ask that only one parent attends please to keep the amount of adults in one space as low as possible and masks will be required.

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Fancy Dress Day.

Festive Tea Party in the afternoon.

Thursday 16th December - Christmas songs, films, and Festive Pyjama day!

Friday 17th December - Christmas lunch followed by party afternoon. Come dressed in your favourite party outfit! Lots of dancing and games.

COMMUNITY NEWS!

We have again got an Amazing Christmas Hamper to give away! The local community, parents and staff have been donating to the hamper and we would like to thank everyone and local businesses for their kindness and generosity with the hamper donations.

To be in with a chance to win this Festive hamper, please visit our Little Manor Facebook page to see entry details. It is being uploaded very soon! This hamper is not for profit but to spread the festive spirit in our local community!

The draw takes place on Monday 20th December 2021- Good Luck everyone!

Important Updates from Management

COVID-19

Having parents collect their children from inside the nursery in the evening up to 5.30pm has been working really well and we will be continuing with this going forward. In line with guidance, the only change we have introduced is to ask all parents if they can please wear masks when dropping off in the morning and when entering the nursery.

Of course things may change and as we have updates from the Government that we need to implement, we will keep all parents up to date with this.

PARENT ADMIN

Are you using your Parent Admin Portal? The new child diaries are on here, where you can view the food the children have had during the nursery day, nappies, sleep and messages from staff.

Did you know you can notify us of your child's absence for a holiday or sickness via parent admin, which you can also download as an app to your phone.

If you need any assistance accessing your Parent Admin account, please get in touch and we can help you with this.

TAX FREE CHILDCARE



Have you checked if you can receive support with your childcare fees?

HM Government

Childcare Choices

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TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

GET UP TO £2000 PER CHILD

Age 0-11 or 16 if disabled

- For **working families**, including the self-employed, **in the UK**
- Earning **under £100k** and **at least £139** per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
- With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
- For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, **up to £2,000 per child per year**
- If your working pattern and/or income has changed because of coronavirus (COVID-19); before you apply or reconfirm, please read [how the changes](#) may affect your eligibility

Visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to find out how you could receive up to £2000 support.

ROOM UPDATES

The children in all rooms have been enjoying exploring the outdoor garden space at this lovely time of year. All rooms would like to send a reminder to parents to please bring their hats, scarves and gloves to nursery each day as the weather is turning a lot chillier! Named if you can.

We are continuing to develop this outdoor space and we are still looking for some open-ended materials for the children to explore. If you can source or know anyone who has any milk crates, cable reels or wire shopping baskets that would be lovely.

BUNNIES ROOM-

Meet the team in the Bunnies room-

All the team are Level 3 qualified, first aid trained and have lots of experience working with the under 2's age range.



Chloe-Room Leader/3rd in Charge



Emily - Nursery Practitioner



Marie - Nursery Practitioner



Nicola- Nursery Practitioner

A new member of the team is also joining us very soon! We would like to welcome Gemma.

HEDGEHOGS ROOM-

Meet the team in Hedghogs room-



Laura - Nursery Practitioner Cara - Nursery Practitioner



Nicola - Nursery Practitioner

WOODPECKERS ROOM

Meet Katie who works in the woodpeckers room. Nicola and Lizzie support Katie in woodpeckers when needed.



Katie- Nursery Practitioner



Lizzie- Deputy Manager

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REVIEWS

Many thanks to all our families that have recommended us already both in person and on social media. Much appreciated! You can post a review on Google for Little Manor Day Nursery, on daynurseries.co.uk and on our Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

A reminder that we close for the Christmas break on Friday 24th December 2021 at 12.30pm and re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at the usual times. I hope all our families have a lovely Christmas together and keep safe and well over the festive period.

Thanks for your continued support

Karen Lane- Nursery Manager