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# Beechdale Nursery School Newsletter

## January and February 2013

### A New Year and New Children!

Welcome to all of the new children that started with us this term! We have twenty five in total and the older children are working hard to help the new ones settle in and learn the rules and routines.

The children had a very cold start to the term and had the opportunity to explore very deep snow in our outdoor environment. Thank you to all parents and carers for your understanding when bad weather forced us to close for a couple of days. If severe weather occurs again, don't forget to check Radio Newcastle or the school website for news of a school closure.

### Home Learning Packs

Our home learning packs are now available each weekend for the children to borrow. The afternoon children will have the chance to access these each week from now until Easter and the morning children can borrow them from then until the Summer holiday.

Please sign these out each Friday and return them the following Monday. Details of the different activities contained in the packs can be found on the family website.

### Film Club

Our after school film club begins this term! It will be held on the last Wednesday of every month in the Centre from 3.10 to 4.30pm. At the time of writing this newsletter, the February club was fully booked but we are still taking names for March.

The film club is free but we ask for a £1 donation per child to contribute towards the drinks and snacks that we provide.



### Themes and topics for this term so far.....

Many children returned from the Christmas holiday with a burning passion for writing and exploring mark making materials. We converted our role play area into a "school" and the interest grew, with lots of children writing lists of names and pretending to take the register like staff!

There is a display illustrating this wonderful theme in school—please pop in to have a look and admire their work. There now seems to be an interest developing around maps and reassurance so keep your eyes on the plasma screen for more details as this unfolds.....



## Collection Bags

Thank you for helping your child to collect objects for their treasure bags in the Christmas holidays, we really enjoyed hearing about their experiences during the festive season.

This February half term we are hoping to send home "Collection bags" with a theme of the type of objects to look out for. More will be revealed nearer the time.....

## Visits from School

We are hoping to enhance the children's learning by taking the older groups out into the local environment to visit the dentist in Consett. They will learn about how to look after their teeth and have the opportunity to see a real life surgery, complete with equipment and staff.

Watch out for photographs on the family site of this event.



## School Fund

Could we please remind you that we ask for a £1 contribution each week into our school fund collection box. The money raised last term paid for a range of fabric, costumes, mark making resources, food for the Christmas party, gifts from Santa and the cost of the bus for the school trip. We could not manage these additional extras without your support!

## Dates for your diary

### Important Dates:

7th February—Dentist visit for the Library children

8th February—Dentist visit for the Music room children

14th February—Dentist visit for the Centre children

14th February—Forest school meeting for parents 4-5pm, 5-6pm

18th—22nd February—Half term

8th March—Family Fairy Tale Fund Day!

15th March—Red Nose fancy dress day

## Names in clothing

Please could you ensure that your child's name is written in all of their clothing and that you check regularly that they have taken the correct coat, jumper, hat etc home with them. We have had some items of clothing go missing this term and would appreciate your support with this matter. Thank you.

## Important Points To Remember:

### Please Don't Forget to:-

- Put your child's name in their clothes - especially school uniforms.
- Let us know if any of your child's medical details change.
- Let us know if your telephone numbers or emergency contact numbers change.
- Return any pieces of equipment your child may take home by mistake.
- **Collect your child on time at the end of the session.**
- ***Please continue to park safely—not in the school grounds, on the school drive or in the entrance to school.***

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