



# Tullygally Nursery Newsletter

**November December 2020**

It has been great to have you all back after Halloween break, and the children are very excited about Christmas and helping us to prepare in the nursery. As I am sure you are aware, Christmas will be a little bit different for all of us this year, but we are working hard to ensure that children are happy and safe in school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to us at any time— via email, or telephone after 2.15p.m.

## General Information

Thank you for your continuing support regarding the allergies in our nursery. We realise that it can be a little more time consuming to check products for nuts / peanuts etc. but we do appreciate your cooperation. We also have a child with a kiwi allergy, so please do not include any products in your child's lunch containing these products.

Reminder please that snack fund is payable for ALL children— £2.00 per week.

The Education Minister has requested that parents and guardians should wear face masks when collecting and dropping off children. Can we also remind you to keep a distance of 2 meters from ALL adults.

The school drop off times are 8.45-9.05a.m. We need to close the gate promptly at 9.05a.m. to be able to start our outdoor play and nursery day safely. If you are running late, please bring your child to the front nursery door. Thank you.

## Topic Information

Our new topics for November and December are Homes, Our Families and Christmas. We will be learning about different types of houses We will be getting the nursery ready for Christmas and having fun making our own decorations.

## School App

Just a reminder regarding the school app, please ensure that you have switched notifications on to receive messages. The majority of parents are now signed up, if you are having any difficulties please contact the ICT team at [tullygallyict@outlook.com](mailto:tullygallyict@outlook.com)



### Reminder

- Each child needs a pair of wellies and a change of clothes to be left in school

### Snack and Dinner Money

Snack-£2.00 per week

Dinner-£2.50 per day

(£12.50 per week)

**This is payable on a Monday via the school app.**

**If you wish to pay for the remainder of the term's snack in advance, please speak to the class teacher.**

## Covid-19 / Sickness

You will find information about what to do if your child is unwell on our school website. If your child or anyone in your household develops any of the main symptoms of Covid-19- new, continuous cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste, please do not come to school, stay at home and seek medical advice.

We would like to remind you that any child who has diarrhoea and or vomiting must be kept off school for at least 48 hours after their last bout of sickness.

## Curriculum Information

Our pre-school curriculum follows the :

- The Arts
- Language Development
- Early Mathematical Experiences
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development and Movement
- The World Around Us

This month we will be focusing on the area of Language Development, one of the six different curriculum areas.

“Language development is crucial to living and learning: to communicate with others, to share and express feelings, to give and obtain information, and to understand ideas and develop thoughts.” Curricular Guidance for Pre School

For further information

[http://ccea.org.uk/sites/default/files/docs/curriculum/pre\\_school/preschool\\_guidance\\_2018\\_v2.pdf](http://ccea.org.uk/sites/default/files/docs/curriculum/pre_school/preschool_guidance_2018_v2.pdf)

You can help your child's language skills by reading them stories, singing rhymes and songs, and encouraging them to take turns in conversation. Children learn to communicate through other means too, such as drawing and mark making and learn that print has meaning. Through imaginative play children learn to express their feelings and ideas.

## Getting Ready to Learn

This is now our fourth year of participating in the Big Bedtime Read as part of the Getting Ready to Learn programme. The programme focusses on raising parent's awareness of how they can support children's learning at home through-out the pre-school year. This year, we have received funding for an additional 3 themes :

- Education Works in Pre-school
- Happy Healthy Kids
- Ages & Stages, 3-4

To celebrate the launch, you will receive an information pack which will give you some more information about the programme. You will also receive a pack of resources for your child to keep which we will give you ideas on how to use. We will send out more information on this in the coming weeks.

Can we ask that you all fill in the parent baseline questionnaire online if you have not already done so.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Parents3-4>

# Our Topics are Homes, Families and Christmas

As part of our topic, we will be making salt dough ornaments for our Christmas presents. This is very simple to make. Here is the recipe / instructions

**2 cups plain flour**

**1 cup water**

**1 cup salt**

**Food colouring**

Mix to form dough. Roll it out and cut it using your chosen cutter. Make a hole in the top for threading some ribbon through. Put them on a baking sheet lined with baking paper in the oven for 2 hours (or more / less depending on the thickness until they harden..

## Christmas Performance

Due to the current restrictions on indoor gatherings, we will not be putting on a Christmas show as we normally would along with the main school. Instead, we will be recording our performance and sharing this digitally with Parents— more information to follow.

## Dates for your Diary

### Dates for Diary—School Closures

- Wednesday 9th December- Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day— reminder that if you wish your child to have Christmas dinner this must be booked and paid for on the school app (unless they are entitled to a free school meal).
- School finishes at the normal time on Friday 18th December 2020. We will be having dinners as usual. School will then reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2021 for pupils.



# November / December Nursery Rhymes

## I'm the Happiest Christmas Tree (Nursery 1)

With a hey and a hee and a hoo hoo  
With a hee and a hoo and a hah hah  
With a hoo and a hah and a hee hee  
Ooh ooh

I'm the happiest Christmas tree  
Hoo hoo hoo, hee hee hee  
Someone came and they found me  
And took me home with them

Oh, I'm the happiest Christmas tree  
Hoo hoo hoo, hee hee hee  
Look how pretty they dressed me  
Oh, lucky, lucky me

I got shiny bells that jingle  
And tiny lights that tingle  
Whenever anyone passes by  
I blink my lights and I wink my eye

Oh, I'm the happiest Christmas tree  
Christmas day, wait and see (Ah ah)  
I'll be laughing happily (ah ah)  
With a hoo-hoo-hoo-hee-hee (Ah ah)

With a hey and a hee and a hoo hoo  
With a hee and a hoo and a hah hah  
With a hoo and a hah and a hey hey  
(Ooh ooh ooh)

Oh, I'm the happiest Christmas tree  
Hoo hoo hoo, hee hee hee  
Someone came and they found me  
And took me home with them

Oh, I'm the happiest Christmas tree  
Hoo hoo hoo, hee hee hee  
Look how pretty they dressed me  
Oh, lucky, lucky me

I got shiny bells that jingle (Oooh ooh)  
And tiny lights that tingle (Oooh ooh)  
Whenever anyone passes by (Oooh ooh)  
I blink my lights and I wink my eye (Oooh ooh)

Oh, I'm the happiest Christmas tree  
Christmas day, wait and see  
I'll be laughing happily  
With a hoo-hoo-hoo-hee-hee

With a hey and a hee and a hoo hoo  
With a hee and a hoo and a hah hah  
With a hey and a hee and a hoo hoo  
With a hee and a hoo and a hah hah

## See The Wise Men Follow the Star (Nursery 1)

See The Wise Men Follow the Star, follow the  
star, follow the star,  
See The Wise Men Follow the Star to find the  
baby King

See the presents that they bring, that they  
bring, that they bring,  
See the presents that they bring,  
For the baby King

See the Wise men bow down low, bow down low,  
bow down low,  
See the wise men bow down low,  
Before the Baby King

## The dancing christmas tree song (Nursery 2)

The dancing christmas tree song  
I'm a dancing christmas tree  
I'm a dancing christmas tree  
I'm a dancing christmas tree  
Every body dance with me.  
Shake your head  
Kick your legs  
Wave your arms  
Jump up and down  
Turn around.

## Twinkle twinkle Christmas star

Twinkle twinkle Christmas star  
Way up high is where you are  
Shining bright for all to see  
On the top of our tree  
Twinkle twinkle Christmas star  
Way up high is where you are!  
Twinkle twinkle Christmas star  
Way up high is where you are  
Shining bright for all to see  
On the top of our tree  
Twinkle twinkle Christmas star Way up high is where  
you are!  
Way up high is where you are!