



# Christmas Newsletter 2016

## Garretts Green Nursery School

December 2016

Dear Parents,

Thank you again for all your support and kind words over the last week .

### Christmas Events

**Some of our planned events will be cancelled or altered due to the disruption caused by the recent developments here. Please accept our apologies if you have already made arrangements**

**Family Workshop-Thursday 1st December:** Please note that this workshop has now been **cancelled**. Some activities will be available within the Christmas Fair.



**Christmas Fair**  
**Friday 2nd December**  
**From 4.00pm to 6.00pm**

**Please note the change of date and time.**  
**The Christmas Fair has been re-scheduled for Friday evening after school.**



Families are all welcome but please note that **entry to this event is by ticket only**. There is no limit to the number of tickets you may have but entry will be refused if tickets are not produced.

(As this is an evening event, we wish to ensure that only our families gain entry to the building.)

Children **do not** require tickets.

Three tickets each admitting two adults are attached to this newsletter (6 adults in total)

If you require additional tickets please ask at the main office.

**REMINDER: TEACHER DAY**

**Monday 5th December**

**School closed**



**Lamplight Nativity**  
**Wednesday 7th December Green, Red and Purple Groups**  
**and Thursday 8th December Blue and Yellow Groups.**  
**5.00pm until 6.00pm approximately**



Our Lamplight Nativity is a lovely event for the family. The children all dress up in Christmas costumes, if they wish and we tell the Christmas story through songs. There is no pressure on the children to learn lines.

The Nativity is held outside and the children carry lanterns. It is a very short performance but it is usually very cold so please make sure that your child is well wrapped up!

Children change into the costumes on arrival whilst parents have a few minutes for refreshments and time to find a seat.

We always take photographs of the children in their costumes for their Learning Journeys but we ask parents to wait until the end of the Nativity when an opportunity will be made available for photographs to be taken. We must stress that you will be able to take photographs of your own child only.

Please note that this event is always very busy with large numbers of parents attending. This is therefore **not** suitable for babies or toddlers. We need to restrict entry to three adults per child in order to keep everyone safe. Children are welcome to join us in the 'stable'

**Entry is by ticket only and the tickets are attached to this newsletter.**

**St. Giles Church Visit**  
**Friday 9th December**  
**10.00am at St Giles Church**



We visit St. Giles Church each Christmas and the visit is a lovely time for us all.

**Please note that Nursery is closed on this day and parents or carers should remain with their child in church.**

We meet outside the Church and we are given a brief history of the church as we make our way to the main door. The children sit together with the staff while the Christmas story is retold using puppets.

We then make our way to the back of the Church where we climb the spiral staircase to the gallery where we take turns to ring the church bells.

Refreshments are served and we sing some Christmas songs to end the visit.

All welcome. There is no limit to the numbers attending - the more the merrier!

Please may we ask, however, if babies or young children become distressed that you take them outside to settle them so that the children are not disturbed.

Thank you.

**Christmas Party  
Wednesday 14th December**



The Christmas Party is not open to parents.

Children are able to watch a magic show, a lovely performance by Roy the Magician who has been visiting our school for a number of years. He has had full DBS checks and is never left alone with the children.

We serve snacks and drinks and have Christmas activities.

Your child may wish to wear party clothes but please make sure they have a warm coat and sensible shoes as we do go outside.



**Snowdome Trip  
Friday 16th December**



**Please arrive at Nursery no later than 9.45am**

This trip is fully booked now—unfortunately we were not able to offer any additional adult places as the Snowdome has a limit to numbers for safety reasons.

We must leave promptly at 10.00a.m. to ensure that we have sufficient time on arrival to make our way to the entrance and to store bags and food. Please be punctual.

You will need to bring lunch in a bag which is placed in a large metal cage on arrival and is then taken to the room where we have lunch. If possible, keep additional bags to a minimum as you will find they are a nuisance when you slide down the slopes!

The children (staff and parents too!) have a session in the snow where we can use the toboggans or slide down the slope on rubber rings. It is great fun but very cold.

We then see a short pantomime/show before seeing the animals in a separate area.

Finally we have lunch, sing Christmas songs and return to the coaches to come back to school in time for you to collect older children from primary schools.

More details will follow.

**Please note: Nursery is not open on Friday 16th December as all staff will be at the Snowdome.**

**Christmas Holiday**

**Friday 16th December 2016 to Wednesday 4th January 2017**

**We break up for the Christmas holiday on Friday 16th December  
and school reopens on Wednesday 4th January for children (Tuesday for staff)**



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## **Snow**

### **Bad Weather**

As the weather begins to change to colder conditions we must draw your attention to the possibility of school closures.

In situations where snow is heavy and roads may be dangerous, Birmingham schools occasionally close across the city. In the event that this happens, the announcement will be made early in the morning on local radio stations, Free Radio, Radio WM and Heart FM.

It is more likely that schools will choose to close depending upon local and school conditions. In these situations, we will send a group text and will aim to ensure that an announcement is also made on local radio. Please remember to advise us if you change your telephone number.

Occasionally, we have to close during a session. In the very rare cases of this happening we will contact you directly. We try to avoid closing the Nursery but we realise that this is not always possible and our main concern is always for the safety of the children, families and staff



Thank you again for all your support during the last term.

Lesley Martin and the Nursery Staff Team