



Penhill Playgroup Newsletter
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community



Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased that "Keep Lancing Lovely" asked us to create a poppy display to go in the window at Lancing Railway Station, for **Remembrance weekend (7/8 November)**. The display should be up for a couple of weeks, so please have a look if you are passing. Lancing Railway Station also celebrates its 175th birthday at the end of November and we hope to help them celebrate this too.

This half term, our themes include, Winnie the Witch, Space, Old Macdonald's Farm, Post Office and we will be finding out about Diwali; celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week and Christmas.

As the weather gets colder, please don't forget to send your child in with a named coat and jumper, as we do go outside every day and have to keep windows open a little to ensure fresh air is circulating. Don't forget to bring in a piece of fruit each week, for the children to share at snack time. And if you have a child starting school in September 2021, applications must be made online by **January 15th 2021**. If you haven't completed your child's online pre-school health questionnaire, please do this as soon as possible too - details were sent in the October newsletter.

This year, we are unable to hold our usual Christmas Craft and Fundraising afternoon, however, we will have Craft kits available to purchase, if you would still like to support us and get crafty at home. Further details about this will be available soon. We are also sponsoring a tree at the St Michael and All Angels Christmas Tree Festival, which is due to take place from 3rd - 6th December. During the next 4 weeks, children will be encouraged to get creative and make items to decorate our tree. We would like you to be involved too. If you enjoy making things or your child has siblings who enjoy craft activities, perhaps you could help us to create tree decorations too. We can provide ideas and instructions, which will also be published online and packs of resources featured in the ideas, will be available for you to use at home, if wanted, to create your own masterpieces.

Instead of our usual **Christmas Raffle**, we have some **giant filled stockings** to raffle off at the end of term. So far there is an Under 5's one and a family one, both packed full of goodies, which will go down a treat over the festive season. Tickets costing £1 each will be on sale from 30th November. Further details will be available soon.

Our annual **Christmas Songs** morning, where the children dress up (if they want to) and perform some Christmas songs will still take place, but without an audience to watch. Instead, with your permission, we hope to film the performance and either post it online or provide you with your own copy. We are still working out the logistics of this, but if you have any concerns about your child being filmed, please let Katie know as soon as possible.

Friday 18th December is our Playgroup Christmas Party, for all children who attend Playgroup, even if they do not usually attend on a Friday morning. If your child is **not** able to attend this celebration, please let Katie know, so that she can arrange for their Christmas present to be delivered on an alternative date!

This is also the last day of term and we re-open on **Monday 4th Jan 2021**.

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