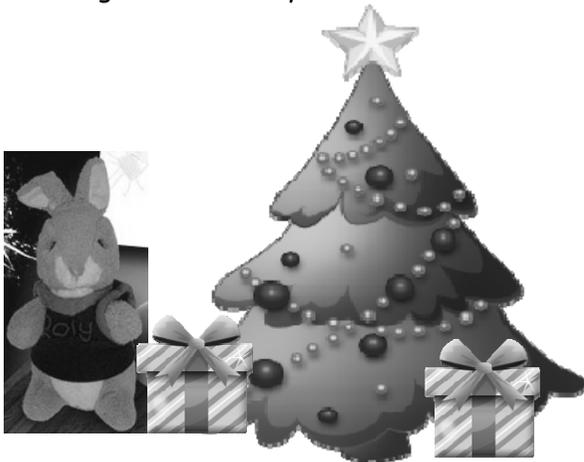




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Newsletter, Autumn Term 2012



What We've Been Up To...

This term we have been looking at Autumn and all that it entails.

We have made some wonderful leaf prints and been out and about for some (very) long walks to explore our changing countryside.

As part of our Harvest celebrations we joined Hadnall School for their Church service. It was a nice event and all the children sang beautifully about our bouncy harvest tractors.



We have also investigated ideas about Bonfire Night and created some artwork showing fireworks and bonfires.

Some beautiful handprint poppies were created for Remembrance Day by the children and we began to discuss what we remember at this time of year.



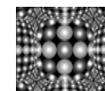
The children have also enjoyed making use of new slide in the park. Again, a huge thank you goes out to everyone who



was involved in helping to get it bought and installed.

As usual, we have made use of our valuable mobile library service to pick a range of books for our shelves. We have also been collecting together different items for our *Letters and Sounds* table. Among other things, we have had cake, cars, cows and candles to explore C and pigs, pens, pears and pizzas to see how P is used.

On a Friday, we have had fun with some messy play trays and plunged our hands into jelly, shaving foam and flour to investigate how they feel, move and can be manipulated - what will we try next? We have also tried tasting a range of "funky" fruits such as persimmon.



Thank You For "Getting Your Spots On"

By filling up Pudsey Bear's pots we were able to raise £31.52 for Children in Need! A big thank you to everyone for helping US to help such a good cause.



Christmas Fayre

Our Fair on Saturday 24th November raised an amazing £458 for Pre-school funds. Thank you to everyone for their help and support.

We will also be doing a number of craft projects linked to Christmas before we break up and are hoping to hold an activity morning with Class One from Hadnall School in the last week of term. This will be a great opportunity to allow some of our older children to build connections with their future potential classmates.

Notes



Just a reminder that we do still like to go out exploring in the somewhat inclement

British Winter. Whilst we have some spare wellies and coats it would be useful to send children with their own waterproof items that fit comfortably.

Please try to discourage children from bringing in too many objects from home. We have a wide range of toys to play with and would hate for a special item to, inadvertently, get lost or broken whilst it is away from home.

We are carrying out periodic longer assessments of children in line with the new EYFS to help the flow of information between home and school (thank you to those who have read and given us feedback so far). We will also be compiling the age 2 check-ups and discussing them with parents / guardians.



Christmas Party

Our end of term Christmas party is going to be held on Friday 21st December.

A food list will go out before the day to show party treats that we would ideally like to be brought in for everyone to share (children will not need a packed lunch on this day).

Parents are invited to come and join the staff, children and a very special guest at 12.45.

Father Christmas has been able to take a little time out from his busy schedule to say hello and give out some presents.



Children will go home at their usual home time.



Term Dates and Openings

The last session of the Autumn Term will be on Friday 21st December. We will return for the Spring Term on Wednesday January 9th at the usual time.

Coming Soon...

In the Spring Term we will be investigating weather.



Morrison's Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who collected the Morrison's

Let's Grow vouchers for us. Whilst we didn't have a huge, huge number, we have been able to order a new flower bed and some seeds ready for next year.

Christmas Play

We will be performing our Christmas play on Friday 14th December. We would love all of the children to join in with the performance even if they don't normally attend on a Friday.

We have already begun practising our songs and dances and are getting into the Christmas spirit.

Parents, grandparents and guardians are all invited to come along and watch the performance. The play will start at 9.30 am but please drop children off at 9.15 as usual. There will be teas, coffees and mince pies to keep you entertained whilst the children get ready!

All costumes will be provided but we will be having a small Christmas raffle so any donations of prizes would be greatly appreciated (please drop off to Sally or Jackie before the day).

