

Diary Dates for December– please note red dates are very important

Wednesday December 1st - we have some visitors from a school in Derby in the afternoon

Thursday December 2nd – family learning session

Thursday December 2nd Mrs Kenny on maths course

Monday December 6th-poet coming to school to do poetry workshops for over 3's children

Monday December 6th – the school improvement officer will come to do the termly monitoring meeting

Tuesday December 7th – Mrs Settle on health and safety training

Thursday December 9th – family learning session

Thursday December 9th- Mrs Oldham and Miss Valli at ECAT (every child a talker) meeting

Monday 13th December – nativity play performance at Sunninghill school at 10am and 2pm – see over

Thursday 16th December- school closes for Christmas break

Monday 20th December – party day for all children – see below

Friday 24th December – daycare closes for Christmas break at 1pm and re-opens on **Wednesday 5th January 2011**

Important notice CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

THE EDUCATION PROVISION IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING WILL CLOSE AT 4.15 ON **THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER** for the Christmas holidays **BUT party day is on Monday 20th December for all children – please note times of parties below.** Day care provision is available during the school holidays- please ask at school office for a booking form

EDUCATION PROVISION REOPENS ON **WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2011**- see change of hours below

DAYCARE PROVISION IN BOTH BUILDINGS WILL CLOSE AT **1 PM ON FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER** (Christmas eve) and reopen on **WEDNESDAY 5th January 2011** You will not be charged when we are closed

Christmas parties will be held in both buildings on **Monday 20th December** at the following times

Under three's 11am-1pm

If your child does not normally come on this day then you are invited to come and stay with your child for the party *Please let Vanessa know if your child will be coming*

Over three's

Morning 9 -11.30

Afternoon – 1 -3.30 daycare sessions will continue as usual on party day

There will be a magician and Father Christmas will come and bring everyone a present



Mrs Shameela Atcha who works in the school office will start her maternity leave on December 13th. We wish her well as she looks forward to the birth of her baby. She will be replaced in the office by Miss Rachel Lindsay.

Important information about school and daycare closures

If we have to close due to **bad weather** this is what you need to do:

Check your phone – we will send a text message

Check the school's website- www.alexandra-nursery.org.uk

Check the council website – www.bolton.gov.uk OR phone 01204 333333

Check the local radio - Real Radio FM -105.4FM Radio Manchester 95.1 FM

Do not come if the pavements are slippy and it is dangerous

Change of hours for free education places

From January 5th 2011 the free entitlement hours will be as follows:

Morning- Monday and Tuesday -8.30 -12.30 Wednesday and Thursday 8.30 – 12.00

Afternoon – Monday and Tuesday 1.00 - 4.30 Wednesday and Thursday 12.30 - 4.30

Full day option full day – 8 -4.30 half days 8.45 -12 or 1-4.15

What experiences will your child be having this month?

The Christmas post box will be in the entrance areas in both buildings. Your child may want to write Christmas cards to their friends and teachers and put them in the post box



We are counting the days to Christmas using advent calendars and candles

Please see the plans on the notice boards for more details or ask a member of staff for more information

Our nativity play will be on Monday 13th December in the hall at Sunninghill primary school at 10.00 for morning children and 2.00 for afternoon children and will last about 30 minutes.

All parents and carers are invited to come and watch. Children from the under three's centre will be joining us

Clothes collection

Your child will be bringing home a bag for you to put in things for recycling

Please put in the following

clothes shoes bags fabric textiles .

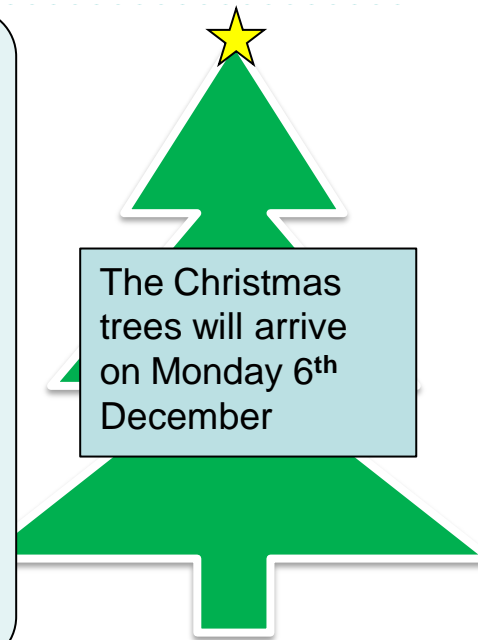
We get money for every bag and the clothes are sorted and sent to families in Africa

You need to bring the bag back on TUESDAY December 14th

we cannot accept them before this date as they would become a fire hazard

Thank you for your support

Alexandra Children's centre will be closed for the Bank holidays on December 25th, 26th and January 3rd. There will be Stay and Play sessions on the days between Christmas and New Year. All other sessions are as normal



Thank you for returning your valuing diversity questionnaire. It is good to know that so many of you are happy with what we do for your child. Some parents did make some comments about things we could improve but did not put their name on the sheet. Please contact me so I can talk to you about how we can help your child further

During December we will be having **LUCKY DIPS** to help pay for the Christmas activities. There will be 2 lucky dip boxes in each building - one for children and one for adults

We need prizes—toys, books and sweets for children to win and things for adults such as Bath bubbles, Perfume, Chocolates, gifts etc..

Each dip will cost £1 for adults and 50p for children

Please bring prizes to school or under threes centre.

The curriculum plans for both buildings are on the parents notice boards. Please ask staff if you would like to know more about what we are doing. The governors have approved the school development plan for the coming year. This outlines the work we will be doing across a range of areas. Please ask if you would like a copy.