



# Newsletter



December 2016



39 Crosby Row  
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## Theme for the Month



In December the theme in both the Rainbow and Sunshine Room was Christmas.

During the month the children in the Rainbow Room took part in lots of craft activities, such as making a large handprint Christmas tree for their room display, collage Christmas trees, snowman paint pictures and items to take or send home such as Christmas cards, calendars and salt dough stars.



Some of the children also enjoyed cooking festive treats such as gingerbread men, melting snowman biscuits and Santa hat fruit kebabs.



In the Sunshine Room the children have been enjoying getting in the

Christmas spirit dancing and singing to songs such as Rudolph, Jingle Bells & Santa got stuck. All of the children took part in a variety of craft activities this month, including making calendars, and Christmas cards to send or bring home. They also enjoyed getting messy making paper plate snowmen, collage stockings and a large Christmas wreath to hang on their room door for decoration.



## Bank Holidays 2016

The following dates are bank holidays in 2016 and as such the nursery will be CLOSED on –

Friday 25th March  
Monday 28th March  
Monday 2nd May  
Monday 30th May  
Monday 29th August  
Monday 26th December  
(Boxing Day)  
Tuesday 27th December  
(Christmas Day Substitute)



## Inset Days for 2016

On the following days the nursery will be CLOSED for staff training

Tuesday 29th March  
Friday 9th September  
Friday 23rd December

## Arc Open Day 2016

We will be hosting our annual Arc Open Day on  
**Saturday 10th September**  
from  
**10am to 2pm**

It is a great opportunity for parents to socialise and to spend time talking to their child's key person. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the event!



### Where Have We Been Up To?

This month some of the older children were lucky enough to go on an outing to see The Nutcracker Ballet at The Arts Theatre.



The children really enjoyed watching the show and afterwards stopped off in Leicester Square where they sat by a big 'Gingerbread House' and ate their packed lunch.

### The Arc Buggy Cupboard Reminder



At the Arc we have limited storage space for buggies and as such we are asking parents to adhere to and remember the following—

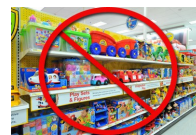
All children who are **3 years or older** should be encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to and from the nursery in order to promote physical and social development.

All **buggies** stored are to be an umbrella type, which take up as little room as possible and fold completely. If you would prefer to use a larger buggy then please be aware that it will need to be taken away from the nursery with you once you have dropped off your child.

If you have any queries please ask reception. Thankyou!

### Toy Reminder

Can parents please try to make sure that children are **NOT** bringing their own toys into nursery. As if they get lost or broken then the children can get very upset! Also, please remember that it is not a staff members responsibility to look for toys at the end of the day.  
Thank you!



### Christmas Jumper Week ...

Many staff and children took part wearing a range of Christmas jumpers throughout the week and we are pleased to announce that The Arc raised a total of **£180.00** for Save The Children.  
Thank you to everyone who donated and got involved with the event!

### Holidays

Please could parents notify reception via email or in person as well as their child's key person if they will be going on holiday or be absent from nursery. So that it can be recorded and the space may be offered to others throughout the period of absence.  
Thank you!



### IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES: Please Read

Please take note of the following rules which are for the safety and wellbeing of all children in the nursery.

- Please do not allow your child to press the exit button for the front door, and **please ensure you close all doors and do not prop doors open for those behind you** - these are important safety issues.
- Please ensure you **close the gate** at the top of the stairs to the Sunshine room properly - shake it to check it has latched.
- Please do not allow your children to run in the corridor.
- Please leave your own toys at home, to avoid them getting lost



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