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News on the 9th December 2016

Dear Parents,

It's the time of year when Christmas preparations are dominating lots of things we do and here at Tenterfield there is plenty going on!

Learning the songs for our Christmas production, "Wiggly Nativity" is fun but we would welcome some help, if you want to look on YouTube you will find many versions of the songs being performed around the country!

Don't forget we will tweet from our events: follow up on [Twitter](#). Please request to follow us and we will put regular updates on the feed, search for [@TenterfieldNSCC](#)

Looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas events

Megan Wilcox and the Tenterfield team

Christmas production arrangements

Please let the office know if you need your 2 allocated spaces for the play on Friday 16th December. If you don't need these we can reallocate. If you need another space, one may be available at the dress rehearsal on Wednesday, let the office know. There is no charge but we will have a charitable donations box on the door.

Curtain up at 9.20 am in the morning. Refreshments are being served from 8.50 to 9.15.

For afternoon children, curtain is up at 1.00, refreshments from 12.30 in the Children's Centre room accessed under the canopy.

We are looking for volunteers to serve refreshments before both performances, please let us know if you are childfree and can help serve coffee and tea.

Thanks

Younger siblings are welcome at the shows if they are on your lap but we ask that if they are unsettled at any point you take them out so that they do not distract the performers.

As with other events at Tenterfield you will be able to take photos and video your child during the performances but we ask that in order to keep all children safe these are kept for personal use only and **are not shared on any internet/social networking sites.**

If we find that this is happening we will have to review our policy and prevent images being taken at future events. Thank you

Dates for the diary

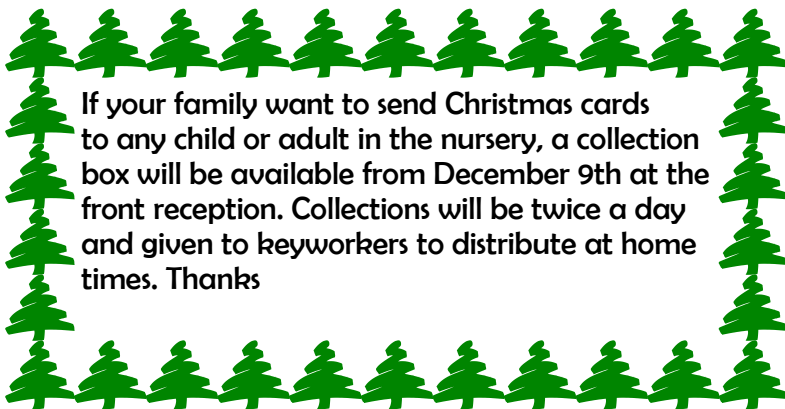
- ★ Wednesday 14th December: Dress rehearsals
- ★ Friday 16th December: Christmas Performances
- ★ Tuesday 20th December : Christmas parties
- ★ Wednesday 21st December: Term ends
- ★ Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd December Holiday Club
- ★ School reopens on Friday 6th January for wrap around children and home visits for new starters
- ★ Monday 9th January: All children start back , induction for new starters this week
- ★ Half term: week beginning February 13th
- ★ Spring term ends: Friday March 31st

Good News!

At a time when we hear the story of a new baby being born, we are really excited in the Tenterfield team. Vanessa Smith from the wraparound team is expecting a baby in the New Year. She will hopefully be back with us for a few weeks after Christmas before she goes off on maternity leave . We wish her well and will let you know her news in February!

We are still searching for a replacement cover if any of you know of a suitably qualified person , contact me.





If your family want to send Christmas cards to any child or adult in the nursery, a collection box will be available from December 9th at the front reception. Collections will be twice a day and given to keyworkers to distribute at home times. Thanks

We will be taking the children across to Welwyn St Marys to watch their nativity play on Monday 12th at 1.45 for afternoon children or Tuesday 13th at 9.30 for morning children. Wraparound children will only go with their key worker group once. Normal drop off and collection times at Tenterfield.



Only a few spaces still available for our Holiday Club , collect a leaflet from outside the office. It helps us to know if you need a place well in advance for our staffing and shopping! Childcare vouchers can be used. Fees must be paid for in advance to guarantee a place. Thanks.

Father Christmas will be visiting us at the end of the parties on Tuesday 20th December. You are welcome to join us at 11.00 or 2.30 to see your child receive a personal present from our special visitor.

Children can wear fancy dress , party glitz or Christmas jumpers .



Christmas Raffle draw

To help raise funds towards the end of term activities and Christmas treats for the children we will be holding a Christmas Raffle over the next couple of weeks. Tickets will be available from the office at £1.00 each and the prizes will be drawn on the day of the Christmas parties. We will be looking for some volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the Christmas performances please speak to us if you are able to help with this. Any donations for the hamper welcome!

Reception class next year?

- The window is now open for applying for a reception place next year. Tenterfield children go onto 15 local schools so its important you look around and decide what's right for your children before you apply for a place.
- Lots of advice on the local authority website. Visit: <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/newsevents/news/primaryadmissions2017/>
- Talk to myself or Mrs Brankin if you are uncertain about next steps, especially if you want to know more about deferring a reception place.