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Pepperberry Day Nurseries

# Pepperberry Day Nursery Monthly Newsletter December 2018

### **Message from the Management**



Now we near the end of 2018, on behalf of the Pepperberry Team, we would just like to start by saying thank you for your kind donations to the many charity events that have taken place recently and throughout the year. These include St David's Day raising money for Smile, Sports Relief, Children in Need, Jeans for Genes, Pyjama day raising money for TOFS, Rota Toy appeal, National Christmas Jumper Day, St Johns Ambulance and of course our nursery sleep over fund raiser for the amazing Turtle Bus. Whilst raising money for these fabulous charities, the children and staff have enjoyed dressing up and joining in with an array of different activities. Your continued support for our local and national charities is very much appreciated, for this I thank you.

During December our children have taken part in lots of amazing activities to celebrate Christmas. The preschool children performed in their nativity play and this has been a great success. We would like to thank all of the parents and grandparents that came to see this performance. We would also like to say a big thank you to Beryl for helping to get the children prepared for this. Preschool also went over to the care home to sing some carol songs. We had a very warm welcome from the residents and staff at the Hawthorn Care Home who joined in with some of the songs.

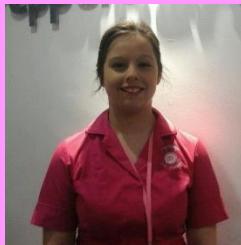
Father Christmas came to visit the children at the nursery and gave each of the children a little present. The staff and children have also enjoyed our Christmas dinner which was made and cooked by Chef Matthew.

On behalf of the whole team we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents for the lovely Christmas presents and good wishes. We really appreciate your thoughts.

We would also like to say a massive thank you to our amazing Directors for all the support and guidance they have given to us throughout 2018. This nursery would not be the same without Anthony, Gillian and Olimpia, for this we thank them. On a more personal note we would like to thank them all for the lovely Christmas presents that they have given to all the staff team.

**We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you have a Happy New Year!**

### **Introducing a Member of our Team - Rebecca Grainger (Preschool 1 Peppers)**



My name is Rebecca Grainger and I will be your child's keyperson. I am an Early Years Practitioner.

I am originally from Scotland. I am an Early Years Practitioner and have completed my Level 3. I really enjoy reading and spending time with my family and friends. I am looking forward to working with the great team at Pepperberry Day Nursery to help provide a safe and happy environment for the children to grow.

### **Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary**

**Nursery Opening Dates and Times** – We will be re-opening on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The nursery will be opening at the normal time 7:30am – 4:30pm.

**National Dress Up Your Pet Day** – We will be celebrating National Pet Day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. The children can bring in their pet teddies and dress them up. The children can also bring in pictures of their pets to show their friends.

**Burns Night** – We will be celebrating Burns Night on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January. The children will be creating different art work and joining in with some food tasting.

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Brought to you by  
our very own Chef  
**Matthew**

## Recipe of the Month: Macaroni Cheese

### Ingredients

- 250g macaroni
- 1 tbsp plain flour
- 1tbsp butter
- 450ml milk
- Grated cheddar cheese
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp mustard powder

### Method

1. Cook the macaroni according to the packet instructions and drain when cooked
2. Heat the butter and when melted, add a generous table spoon of plain flower and mix it in
3. Add some black pepper and cook on a low heat, stirring all the time, for about 30-60 seconds
4. Add the milk a little at a time and mix well with a whisk
5. Bring to the boil, stirring all the time, to thicken the sauce, then add a big handful of grated cheese
6. Add the pasta to the cheese sauce and stir well
7. Serve straight away or put into an oven proof dish, grate some more cheese over and bake at 180°/gas mark 5 for 10 minutes

## Baby Peppers

In baby Peppers we have been exploring Christmas by using our senses. We have been exploring sensory Christmas trays which have included breakfast cereals, textures, tinsels and lights. The babies have been making lots of art work and made their own stockings and snowmen. They have done this by using paint brushes, their fingers, art rollers and brick printing. Baby Peppers have also made their own Christmas cards to take home and have enjoyed celebrating Christmas. It was very exciting when Father Christmas came into the baby room and gave us a little gift. Baby Peppers would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Tiny Peppers

This month Tiny Peppers have been getting into the Christmas spirit. We enjoyed speaking about Peppa and making different Christmas decorations like our book of the month 'Peppa loves Christmas'. The children have been painting and making their own Christmas tree decoration. We enjoyed making a 3D snowman and getting very messy. We loved celebrating Christmas and was very excited when Father Christmas came to see us and gave us a little present. Tiny Peppers would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and we will see you all in the New Year.

## Sweet Peppers

This month in Sweet Peppers we have been doing lots of Christmas activities such as decorating snowflakes, Santa's, reindeers and stockings. We also made Christmas cards to take home. Sweet Peppers also enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas where he gave all the children a little gift. We enjoyed our Christmas dinner which was made by our lovely chef Matthew. Sweet Peppers has also enjoyed singing there Christmas songs. The staff in Sweet Peppers would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Chilli Peppers

This month in Chilli Peppers we have been looking at Santa's 12 days of Christmas. The children in Chilli Peppers have made Christmas cards, star baubles, snowmen and stockings. We took part in people who help us day by dressing up and going on a trip to the pharmacy. The children have enjoyed singing Christmas songs with Beryl and doing Christmas themed activities in mini sports. Chilli Peppers children also enjoyed their Christmas dinner which was cooked by chef Matthew. We also made party hats to wear for our Christmas party. Chilli Peppers staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Grand Peppers (Preschool 1)

This month in Grand Peppers we have been looking at the topic of Christmas. We been talking about celebrating Christmas with our family and friends. We have also have made penguins, Christmas cards, Santa hats and some lovely snowflakes. Some children have also written some little thank you stockings to Santa. And of course our book of the month was The Nativity which we explored through reading the story and even better, having our own Nativity! For this we had a lovely script written by Beryl with lots of songs and actions to help us learn the story. Well done in your performance preschool!



## Preschool 2 Peppers

This we began by all working together to create an amazing Santa's Grotto role play area. Then we used our cutting skills to make snowflakes and created some lovely Christmas trees too. The children have also worked very hard to write their letters to Santa and posted them in the special box in reception. We have also explored Hannukah by making Hannukah silhouettes, and some awesome dreidels! Of course, the main feature of this month has been the Nativity, the children practiced their songs and words well and made us all so proud at the performance, thank you to all parents and carers for your support and attendance at the show, the children really enjoyed it and so did we! It was also lovely to visit The Hawthorns and sing our Christmas songs to the elderly and made a nice card to give too!

## Nursery Christmas Party!



Extra notes:

We have had a very busy December starting with our celebration of Hannukah – the Jewish festival of light. Our preschool children went to Stockport Plaza to watch the pantomime sleeping beauty. They had a super time with lots of singing and chanting ‘oh yes they did’. They had a picnic in the theatre, great fun was had by all. The preschool children also had their nativity play where parents came to watch their amazing show. All of the children in the nursery had a super Christmas party at the end of December where they wore the hats they had made, sang songs and joined in dancing.

**Policy of the Month: Arrivals and Departure Policy**

It is the policy of the nursery to give a warm welcome to each and every child on their arrival.

Parents/carers are requested to pass the care of their child wherever possible to their child’s key person or a familiar member of staff known to the parents/carers and child. The member of staff should greet the parents/carers and gather as much information from the parent/carer regarding the child. The staff member receiving the child must immediately record their arrival in the daily register and on the Eylog tablet. Any specific information provided by the parent/carers should also be recorded in the rooms diary.

If the parent/carer requests the child to be given any medicine during the day, the staff member must ensure that the medicine consent procedure is followed. If the child is not being collected by the parent/carer at the end of the session an agreed procedure must be followed to identify the nominated adult. The planned departure of a child should be anticipated by the key person or the familiar member of staff in the group. All medicines should be handed over only when the parent/carer has arrived and the medicine should be handed to them personally. No child should be handed over to anyone other than the known parent/carer unless an arrangement has been made at the time of arrival. On departure the child registered must be immediately marked to show that the child has left the premises. The Eylog will also be completed with the time the child has been collected and the daily Diary will be submitted to the parent.



**Photos**