



END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS DECEMBER 2008



Dear Parents

Visit to see Father Christmas at Van Hage

This will take place next **Thursday 4th December**. Please can you all be at the entrance to Van Hage at 9.30am so that we can carry out registration first before going in to see Father Christmas.

We will have snack at the Van Hage, and there will be a small charge to cover the cost of the refreshments of £1.50. The session will end at 12 noon and we will return to the entrance where you may collect your children if you are not staying.

For the visit to go ahead we will need a ratio of 1 adult to every 2 children as per our outings policy (please see parent folder or website for further details www.greatamwellnursery.com), so *we are looking for lots of parent helpers to join us for this special morning*. Younger siblings are welcome with their parents /carers also.

Please return the tear off slip below if you and / or your child would like to join us for this trip and return with snack money to nursery before next Wednesday.

Although this is on a Thursday, Children who are not in the 4's club are welcome to join us. Please indicate on the tear off slip if you would like your child to join us.

4's Club Graduation and Celebration

This will be on Thursday 11th December. The children are invited to come in wearing festive fancy dress on this morning if they would like to do so.

All 4's Club Parents are welcome to join us from 11am onwards for the Graduation ceremony where the children will be presented with their "Special Book" portfolios as a reminder of their time at nursery and wished every success at their new school.

The Graduation will be followed by a short Christmas singing session led by the children with refreshments at the end. *We are looking for 2 parents to help with refreshments please.*

Last Day of Term

Friday 12th December. Nursery will be open from 9am – 3pm on this day and your child should attend their normal session. Children who normally stay all day can stay all day as per usual.

The day will involve arts and crafts activities with a festive theme. Party food will be provided at each session. A list will go up on the door at the start of the week asking parents to supply various items of food for the party. Please put your name against the food you would like to provide.

Please note that if your child is staying all day they will not require their packed lunch. In the past we have found that due to party food provided in the morning and afternoon packed lunches were not being eaten at all! Please note that a range of food will be offered at the party including fruit and sandwiches.

As we are seeing Father Christmas the week before we have decided to have a "Christmas Fairy" (namely Miss Mewes in fancy dress!) join us for the end of the session this year for a change. The Christmas Fairy will give each child a small present at the end of the session as they leave.

If your child is not at nursery on a Friday but you would like them to join either the morning or afternoon session please speak to a staff member.

We would like parent helpers for this day also. Please speak to a staff member if you are able to help. We would prefer not to have younger siblings at this session please.

We are aware that the school have arranged for the children going into reception to visit at 1.30pm in the afternoon on 12 December. If your child is going into school in the afternoon and you would like to swap them to a morning or have them attend the morning only, again please let us know in advance.

Nursery Home Corner

Will be themed as Santa's grotto for the next 2 weeks, so that the children can play at being Santa and his helpers with lots of presents to wrap and sacks to fill, Cards to write and make, letters to send etc. Our nursery post box will be out each day so that the children can bring in cards to post to their friends at nursery if they want to. Any props or old cards / wrapping paper you can provide will be really welcome as we have not had much response for this theme so far.

Quiet Corner

We would like to make our quiet corner more cosy – if anyone has any old single duvets we are looking for 2; also we would really like to show the children the Snowman and Father Christmas stories on video during quiet time. If anyone has a portable TV / video unit we could borrow during the next 2 weeks we would be really grateful.

Spring Term Dates: Tues 5th January – Fri 3rd April.
Monday 5th January is an INSET DAY and WE WILL BE CLOSED!

Thanks to all of you for your support this term. It has been a pleasure working with your children and we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Raja and the Nursery Team.

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Van Hage Visit 4th December



Name of ChildName of Parent / Carer

Please tick below...

- My child is normally in on a Thursday and I would like them to take part
- My child is not normally in on a Thursday but I would like them to take part
- I enclose £1.50 for the cost of refreshments.
- I would like to help out on this trip.

Please return this form to nursery ASAP.