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## **NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2015**

### **To all Parents/Carers**

The festive season is upon us once again, and its daunting how quickly the seasons seem to come round. As parents are no doubt aware, the children have recently learnt about Kings and Queens from the past and present. One of their planned group activities was to write a letter to her Majesty the Queen, the children wrote letters and drew a variety of pictures that we sent to the palace, we are hopeful of a reply and we are eagerly awaiting with bated breath, for that elusive invitation to tea at the palace.

### **Diwali: “festival of lights”.**

We had an excellent Diwali celebration this year; Our Chef cooked a traditional meal that the children thoroughly enjoyed. We taught the children some fun facts about Diwali, as well as dressing in traditional dress and colorful bangles for the occasion, the children completed fun fact sheets and sang songs with relish and gusto.

### **Halloween Party:**

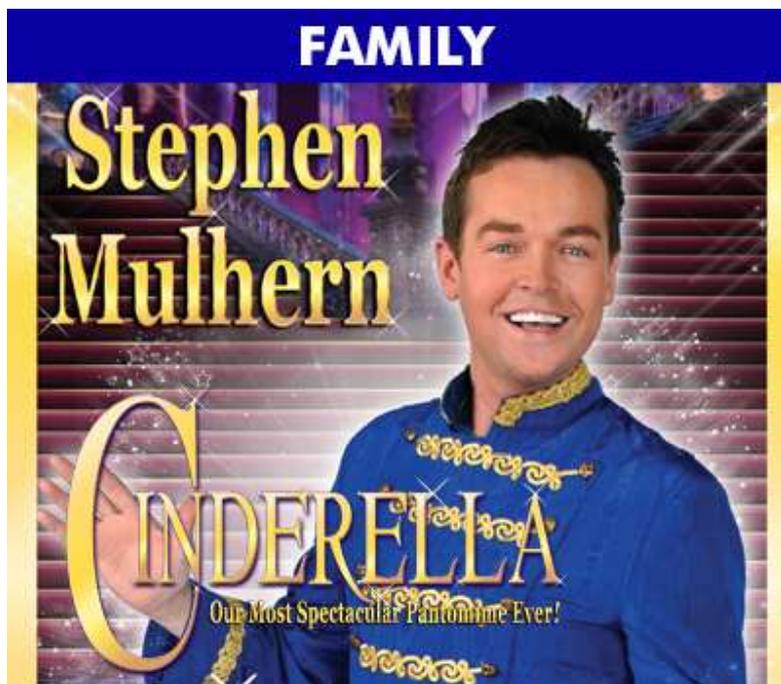
Thanks to all those parents and carers who participated and helped to make our Halloween party enjoyable and memorable for the children. The children really enjoyed themselves and their costumes were very lovely/ scary. Throughout the day the children had fun activities to participate in, such as pumpkin decorating, pass the parcel, musical activities and a dance party.

### **Children in need;**

In November, the children and staff got involved in raising money for ‘**children in need**’; the nursery held its own bake sale, Pyjama day and made face masks. The Nursery would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to those parents who were kind and generous enough to donate money to this very special cause. Collectively, the children, parents, carers and staff raised the grand total of £114:23p for Children in Need. We beat our record total from last year by £86:23.

### **CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME**

On **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** we will offer a selected group of children an opportunity to see the pantomime **Cinderella** at the Fairfield Halls in Croydon. There will be no cost to Parents. The great British pantomime is part of the Christmas tradition. This Christmas, spectacular, fun-filled, family pantomime Cinderella, stars top TV personality Stephen Mulhern, from ITV’s Catchphrase, Big Star’s Little Star and Britain’s Got More Talent. With comedy, singing, dancing, audience participation and stunning sets and costumes, this year’s pantomime promises to be the most magical pantomime ever!



Cinderella is guaranteed to be full of wonder and fun to delight audiences of all ages, especially the children at Russell Hill.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

There will be a traditional Christmas dinner for all the children on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 12-0-clock. The meal will consist of a three course menu with Christmas crackers etc. A suitable vegetarian option will also be available for children whose parents or carers have indicated that they have a dietary requirement.

All children who attend Ferndale are more than welcome to join in our festivities. However, for those children who do not normally attend on Thursdays, parents/carers are kindly requested to confirm their attendance with Donna, Magdalena or Susan, and are also requested not to bring their children into nursery before 11:30am. They should also be collected promptly at 1pm.

### **FRENCH SHOW**

As parents and carers will be aware, the children have been having French sessions twice a week with Mr. Olly. They all really enjoy French as Mr. Olly adds a certain 'je ne sais quoi' to his sessions that inspires the children. Consequently, the children would love to show you what they have learnt throughout this term. We thought that it would be a good idea to show you in the context of a French Christmas show. The children will be singing songs and showcasing what they have been learning over the last year. We do hope that you will be able to join us on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30**, the show will last approximately 45 minutes.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December** we will be having our Christmas party for all the children. The Nursery will be opened from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. This is will be for the party only. We would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents/carers to this special occasion. You are also invited to partake of mince pies and sherry. The children will be singing a variety of Christmas songs that they have diligently learnt with varying degrees of success.

It is with regret that this is not considered to be a normal working day; therefore a responsible adult/carer will be needed to remain to supervise your child/ren. I hope to see you all on the day with obvious yuletide felicitations.

We have been again promised a visit on the day by Father Christmas and we are hoping that his sack will contain a few goodies for the children.

Any donations of food, drinks or savouries would be greatly appreciated. Please could any donations be in by **Wednesday 23rd December**.

### **Christmas Break**

The Setting will close on the **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December** for our annual Christmas break at our usual time. However, we are open for our annual Christmas party from **10:00 am until 1:00 pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2015**.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015** – The Nursery will be closed at 19:00 hours, and will reopen again on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7:30 am**.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our children and parents a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year with obvious yuletide felicitations, from all the staff at Ferndale Road Day Nursery.

With kind regards

Donna, Magdalena & Susan (Nursery Managers)

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