

# Little Nursery Newsletter

## DECEMBER 2021



### Term dates

#### Autumn Term 2021

Term ends Friday 17th December 2021

#### Spring Term 2022

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Term starts New Children

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Term starts Returning Children

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Half term

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Term ends

Friday 8th April 2022

#### Summer Term 2022

Teacher Training Day

Monday 25th April 2022

Term starts

Tuesday 26th April 2022

May Day

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Half term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Teacher Training Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Term ends

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Teacher Training Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Additional Bank Holiday

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

On behalf of all the Nursery staff we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and we will see you when Nursery re-opens to returning children on

**Thursday 6th January.**

## If your child is absent from Nursery

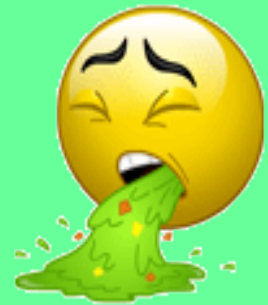
Please remember to contact the Nursery on the day your child is going to be absent, you can either:



**Telephone**      02476 383708  
**Text**             07511 213751  
**Email**            [parents1041@welearn365.com](mailto:parents1041@welearn365.com)

(please ensure you put your child's full name and the reason for their absence in the text)

They should be at home until you feel they are well enough to come back to school. In the case of **sickness and diarrhoea** please make sure your child is symptom free for at least **48 hours** before returning to Nursery.



Please could you make sure all your phone numbers are up to date if not please let the office know of any changes.

### REMINDER

If your child is having to self-isolate can you phone 02476 383708 or if they have taken a COVID test due to having either a cough, temperature or loss of taste/smell, please can you email the results to [parents1041@welearn365.com](mailto:parents1041@welearn365.com)

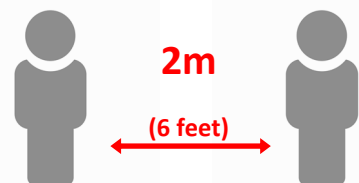


### Face coverings and Social distancing

Government guidance has changed, Face coverings are requested to be worn **inside the building when dropping off and collecting children** (unless you are exempt).




Please adhere to the 2 metre social distancing rule when inside and outside the building



**Thank you for your understanding to ensure we keep everyone safe.**

## TEACHING AND LEARNING



The children have been busy in Little Nursery, we have had 'Recycling Week'. We learnt our Recycling song, made shakers and had stories about 'The journey of a cardboard box' and 'The journey of a plastic bottle'. The children also sorted plastic, metal and cardboard items.



We also had 'Super Ted' visit us at group time, he helped the children to think how we can keep safe and how we can be kind to each other.



The children have enjoyed our stories 'Shark in the park' and 'Shark in the park on a windy day'. They joined in with the repetitive phrases of the book - 'There's a shark in the park'.



We have started our Christmas activities and are learning new Christmas songs. The children have listened to the 'Nativity Story' and different Christmas stories.

### When visiting our Nursery School

We welcome visitors to our Nursery School. We will act to ensure it remains a safe place for children, staff and all other members of our community. If you have concerns we will always listen to them and seek to address them.



Please be aware, however, that abusive, threatening or violent behaviour will not be tolerated. Visitors behaving in this way may be asked to leave.

### Children in Need

We raised an amazing **£61.72**.  
Thank you for all your kind donations.



# Weather Warning Emergency School Closures

## For the attention of all Parents & Carers

Please be aware that in severe weather conditions, it may be necessary for the Nursery to close. If this situation does arise, we will alert the local radio stations as listed below.

Also, if you have access to the internet, you can visit

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

This website provides continually updated information as it comes in from the schools.

**The Nursery School will send a text out to parents if we need to close.**

### Local Radio Stations:

Free Radio	97 FM
BBC Cov & Warks	94.8FM, 103.7FM, 104FM
Heart FM	100.7FM



**IMPORTANT**

**Please only call the Nursery as a last resort,  
as staff may not have been  
able to get into work.**



# Makaton signs of the Month December

We will be helping children to communicate through Makaton signs and spoken language.



We are proud to say we are  
Makaton friendly

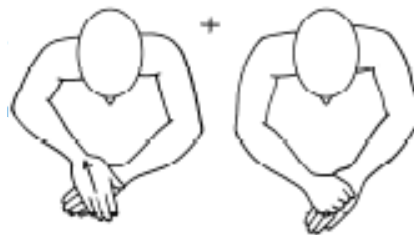


Toys

Whole formation

## Christmas

Slide right hand over back of left hand towards body, then close right hand and place on back of left hand



Christmas Tree

## Father Christmas



Mime holding sack over shoulder

## Sleigh

Hands move quickly backwards and forwards together by wrist movement

























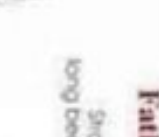




## Reindeer

Hands move up and out to show antler size



# Makaton Advent Calendar

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1st</b>  Snowman	<b>2nd</b>  Christmas Tree	<b>3rd</b>  Sleigh Move hands from wrist to hand	<b>4th</b>  Family Finger and thumb in front of face	<b>5th</b>  Stars	<b>6th</b>  Happy	<b>7th</b>  Bells
<b>8th</b>  Pudding	<b>9th</b>  Winter	<b>10th</b>  Jesus Lift each finger in turn, then all together	<b>11th</b>  Reindeer Move hands from wrist to hand	<b>12th</b>  Holiday	<b>13th</b>  Presents	<b>14th</b>  Church Move pulling belt rope
<b>15th</b>  Donkey Tap hands like donkey and up and down	<b>16th</b>  Stable Move hands from wrist to hand	<b>17th</b>  Candles	<b>18th</b>  Angel Hands make slight flutter movements	<b>19th</b>  King Move hands from wrist to hand	<b>20th</b>  Cake	<b>21st</b>  Robin
<b>22nd</b>  Turkey Wiggle hands like turkey under chin 4-2 fingers	<b>23rd</b>  Toys	<b>24th</b>  Sleep	<b>25th</b> Christmas Day   	Father Christmas Shake long beard  		

# Well being corner

## Your wellbeing this Christmas

This year Christmas may look and feel very different. It is important to not put on much pressure on yourself so we have included some tips for supporting you and your family.

### Tips for coping during Christmas

- ◆ Be gentle, generous and patient with yourself
- ◆ Plan ahead
- ◆ Manage relationships
- ◆ Look after yourself
- ◆ Talking to other people
- ◆ Get support



Instead of going to a Christmas carol concert or service, you could watch one on TV or join in with a virtual choir.

If you'd usually share a meal with certain people, such as friends or co-workers, you could plan to order delivery or cook and eat a meal at the same time.

If you usually take children to a Christmas fair or to visit Father Christmas, you could help them write a letter to Santa instead.

Make Christmas crafts with your child to help decorate your tree or home.

If you are planning to give any gifts, you could exchange your gifts in advance, so you don't have to worry about it on the day.

### Connect with others

#### **Connect with people:**

If there are people you'd like to speak to, you could arrange to talk over the phone or via video call. If you're worried about what to talk about, you could organise an activity to do at the same time. For example, this could be watching a film together or doing a quiz. Let others know your plan. It might help to say that you're happy to hear from them on Christmas day

#### **Go online:**

There are lots of ways to talk to people online, including with others who may be spending Christmas alone. Mind's online community **Side by Side** is a welcoming place to speak with others and share your experiences. And British comedian **Sarah Millican** hosts a **Christmas day chat on Twitter each year**, which anyone can join.

**For more information, please log onto MIND:**

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/christmas-and-coronavirus/#collapseb94d9>

# Advice & Support



## CHAT Health

**A texting advice service for parents and carers of the pre-school child.**

If you have any questions about your pre-school child, or your own health and well-being you can use our texting service 07520 615293 anytime. A health visitor will aim to text you back within 2 hours in normal working hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays).

Please note we support messaging from UK numbers only, which will be charged at your normal rate.

## Family Support Drop In for advice for all families in Warwickshire

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs



**Duty Line 01926 412412**

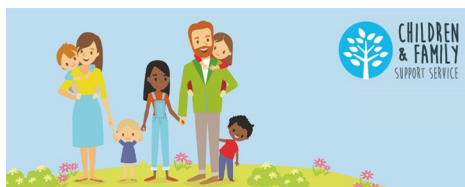
## Family Information Service (FIS)

We provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

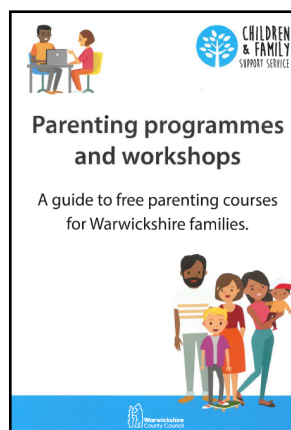
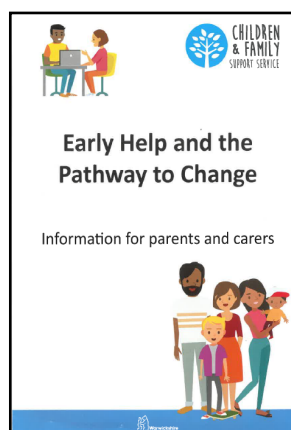
- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare health and wellbeing

Phone: 01926 742274

Website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>



## Parenting Information



**If you would like further information papercopies of these leaflets are available in Reception.**



## Antivirus



Software that is designed to detect, stop and remove viruses and other kinds of malicious software.

## Cyber security



The protection of devices, services and networks - and the information on them - from theft or damage.

## Firewall



Hardware or software which uses a defined rule set to constrain network traffic to prevent unauthorised access to (or from) a network.

## Ransomware



Malicious software that makes data or systems unusable until the victim makes a payment.

## Two-factor authentication (2FA)



The use of two different components to verify a user's claimed identity. Also known as multi-factor authentication.

## Botnet



A network of infected devices, connected to the Internet, used to commit co-ordinated cyber attacks without their owners' knowledge.

## Denial of Service (DoS)



When legitimate users are denied access to computer services (or resources), usually by overloading the service with requests.

## Internet of Things (IoT)



Refers to the ability of everyday objects (rather than computers and devices) to connect to the Internet. Examples include kettles, fridges and televisions.

## Software as a Service (SaaS)



Describes a business model where consumers access centrally-hosted software applications over the Internet.

## Water-holing (watering hole attack)



Setting up a fake website (or compromising a real one) in order to exploit visiting users.

## Bring your own device (BYOD)



An organisation's strategy or policy that allows employees to use their own personal devices for work purposes.

## Digital footprint



A 'footprint' of digital information that a user's online activity leaves behind.

## Macro



A small program that can automate tasks in applications (such as Microsoft Office) which attackers can use to gain access to (or harm) a system.

## Social engineering



Manipulating people into carrying out specific actions, or divulging information, that's of use to an attacker.

## Whaling



Highly targeted phishing attacks (masquerading as legitimate emails) that are aimed at senior executives.

## Cloud



Where shared compute and storage resources are accessed as a service (usually online), instead of hosted locally on physical services.

## Encryption



A mathematical function that protects information by making it unreadable by everyone except those with the key to decode it.

## Patching



Applying updates to firmware or software to improve security and/or enhance functionality.

## Spear-phishing



A more targeted form of phishing, where the email is designed to look like it's from a person the recipient knows and/or trusts.

## Whitelisting



Authorising approved applications for use within organisations in order to protect systems from potentially harmful applications.

## Cyber attack



Malicious attempts to damage, disrupt or gain unauthorised access to computer systems, networks or devices, via cyber means.

## End user device



Collective term to describe modern smartphones, laptops and tablets that connect to an organisation's network.

## Phishing



Untargeted, mass emails sent to many people asking for sensitive information (such as bank details) or encouraging them to visit a fake website.

## Trojan



A type of malware or virus disguised as legitimate software, that is used to hack into the victim's computer.

## Zero-day



Recently discovered vulnerabilities (or bugs), not yet known to vendors or antivirus companies, that hackers can exploit.