



## Elliott Park School

### Newsletter

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| Class: | Nursery | Term: | 2 |
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Dear Parents,

Our topics this term will be Seasonal Celebrations which will include Hallowe'en, Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas. We will be cooking, painting, reading stories and making lots of things to do with these celebrations.

We will also be learning and consolidating knowledge surrounding 'number', including the three principles of counting.

- *Cardinal* = how many: a number that says how many of something there are, such as one, two, three, four, five.
- *Ordinal* = position: a number that tells the position of something in a list, such as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ...
- *Nominal* = name: a number used only as a name, or to identify something (not as an actual value or position) such as the number on a bus or footballer's shirt.

To support the children's learning at home please take every opportunity to count in different ways and by involving the senses: sight, hearing and touch e.g. how many footsteps? How many sounds?

We will also be working with the children to help them write their names, using the correct letter formation. When writing your child's name for them at home please use a capital for the first letter and then lower-case letters for the rest of their name, as this is consistent with how we teach children to write their name at school.

Now the weather is colder it is vital your child has a warm coat with them as the children play outside, at some point, during their day. When it rains we have waterproof suits to enable outside play to continue. You may also like to send in a hat and gloves to be worn when it is very cold. Please label all items of clothing clearly with your child's name as often the children cannot identify their particular items. If you haven't already provided some wellies to stay at school please do so as soon as possible, thank you.

Here are some important dates for your diary:

- Poppy appeal items will be on sale soon, (dates to follow) during morning playtimes. Children will be able to obtain paper poppies for a donation, and purchase other items such as wristbands and bracelets for a cost ranging from 50p to £2.
- Children in Need - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We will be holding a non-uniform day with a spotty theme, donations for wearing non-uniform £1.
- The PTA Christmas Craft Fayre - at school Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November.
- Class and individual photographs will be taken on 20<sup>th</sup> November - Nursery uniform please.
- 12<sup>th</sup> December - British Olympic gymnast Courtney Tulloch will be visiting our school.
- 13<sup>th</sup> December - PTA Christmas wrapping room, children will be able to purchase gifts for family members at a cost of £2 which will be wrapped and labelled for them to take home as a surprise for their loved ones at Christmas. Children will also be provided with a Christmas lunch and party afternoon for a cost of £3.
- 14<sup>th</sup> December - End of term performance at Layzell's. On this day the nursery is open as usual; the nursery children do not take part in the performance but are welcome to attend with parents to watch. KS1 will be performing a short Christmas play, followed by a selection of songs by the KS2 choir. Term 2 for school will finish at the end of the performance. Nursery finishes for Christmas at 3.30pm on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colleen Hiller". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned on a light yellow rectangular background.

Colleen Hiller