



Christmas Hampers

We are holding a draw for our Christmas Hampers. Please find attached hamper squares sheet for your child/ren, to be returned by **Wednesday 18th December** please.



The best way to see
Christmas is through
the eyes of a child.

Nursery Mobile

All phone lines at Little Gryphons are digital. Inevitably there are times when lines 'go down', as a backup, we have a nursery mobile phone 07867300045. Please log this number in to your mobile phones as we would also use this to mass text in the event of emergency closure e.g. snow day.

Dates for your diary

Christmas Disco – Friday 20th December '19. 3:30pm-5:30pm in the Quarr Hall (main school). We are pleased to be holding our first ever disco for our Little Gryphons and families. We would like to invite all families to attend. For children in attendance they will be covered by staff:child ratios, for all other children/siblings parents/carers will be expected to stay and party with us! ☺ There will be refreshments available to purchase and a lucky dip for children! We'll also have a visit Father Christmas at 4:30pm (gift from nursery to all nursery children). Please return your confirmation slip by Tuesday 17th December to say whether you are able to make it, Thank You.

Christmas closure – Nursery will close at 6pm on Friday 20th December. Please note that all children will need to be collected from the Quarr Hall in the main school.

January 2nd 2020 – Little Gryphons re-opens.

Tuesday 28th January 2020 – Parent Open Evening

Staffing News

We have updated the staff board in the lobby so that you can put names to faces ☺

Welcome back Shelly and Nikki (following maternity leave) and Karen (after breaking her arm). We are so pleased to have you back! ☺

Welcome Lou, Lou will be joining us in the new year as a Nursery Nurse at Little Gryphons. And welcome to Carla and Jess, our lunch time and nursery assistant cover.

Congratulations to Mary and Nikki on your promotion to Nursery Nurse / Room Leaders!

We are looking forward to seeing Leah, Sophie and Abi over the Christmas period again as they come in to nursery to help us out during the festivities.

Teeth Brushing

We have reintroduced teeth brushing to the daily routine. Each key group will brush their teeth once a day.



Sickness Absence & Medicine

'Tis' the season to be jolly', and rather poorly at the same time it would seem! We are sorry for the level of sickness that some of you are experiencing with your children. We try as much as we can to keep the nursery as clean and 'bug' free as possible. Please help us to keep illness to a minimum by ensuring that your child does not attend if they are unwell. Children are expected to be kept off of nursery for 48 hours from the last symptom if they have sickness / diarrhoea. For many other illnesses e.g. hand foot and mouth, conjunctivitis, we do not exclude children (under the guidance of the NHS), however, these are highly infectious / contagious illnesses and we ask that your child returns to nursery when they are well enough to be able to cope with being in a group setting.

Personal Belongings

A gentle reminder to please leave your child's belongings at home, with the exception of comforters or items for sharing / activity work which should be handed in to your child's key workers at the beginning of your child's session.

As per nursery policy, Little Gryphons cannot be held responsible for any lost items.

Signing in to nursery each day

Please ensure that you sign your child in and out of nursery each day in the lobby. This forms part of our attendance policy and allows us to keep a record of who has dropped off and collected individual children, and everyone that has entered the nursery during the day.

Reintroduction of Daily Communication Books for 0-2 year olds

Following feedback from parents and carers with regards to the Tapestry Care Diary and daily handovers, we have reintroduced Daily Communication books for 0-2 year olds. The team feel that these are working well and that they allow for a much better hand over at the end of the session / day. If you would prefer, and to ensure that books do not get lost, communication books can be kept at nursery.

Planning, Observation & Assessment

We are currently revising our Planning, Observation and Assessment cycle and trialling new ideas and routines with the children. New systems will be set in place in January and we will share information with you at the Parent Open Evening on Tuesday 28th January. In the meantime, we are working hard to ensure that we know our Little Gryphons as best as possible, please find attached an 'All About You' form, that we would like for you to complete and return to nursery by Tuesday 17th December. We will offer feedback / activity extension ideas on these forms (these will be uploaded to your child's Tapestry account) and use your child's activity ideas to inform our planning in January. Thank you as always for all your support.



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Little Gryphons Hamper Squares

Please help us to raise money for resources for the nursery. Each hamper square is worth 20p. There will be a prize for all children that manage to sell all their squares! ☺ Please return your hamper squares form and money raised by Tuesday 17th December. The hamper winners will be drawn at the Christmas Disco. Thank you for your support ☺

Child name:

Key Group:

Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name

Christmas Disco

Child Name:

I will be able to come to the Christmas Disco

I will not be able to come to the Christmas Disco

I will be coming to the Christmas Disco with:

I understand that I will be collected from the Quarr Hall (main school) at 5:30pm (6pm for children in attendance for the **afternoon**)

Parent Name & Signature:

What do you call Santa Claus when he doesn't move?

Santa Pause



What did the cow get for Christmas?

A COWculator!



Why is it always cold at Christmas?

Because it's Decemberrrrrrrr!



What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet.



What's Santa's favorite candy?

Jelly Ranchers!



What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

A cookie sheet!



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What's red and white, red and white, red and white?

Santa Claus rolling down a hill.



What do you call a snowman in the summer?

A puddle!





All About You

Term Date:

Child Name:

Key Group:

We have something that we would like to share with you!

(please insert a photo, picture, postcard etc. of something that your child is particularly enjoyed, or, is interested in at the moment that we could link with the theme that we are planning for)

We would like to share some information on how we have celebrated this interest and extended learning (e.g. trips out, access to information on the computer, books, songs)

Nursery input (e.g. learning opportunities that will be planned in to the learning environment)

Ideas for future activities: