

## Explorers Newsletter December 2021

The end of term is here. I hope your child has enjoyed the Autumn term in Explorers as much as I have. We have learned lots and I know I am looking forward to another great term after Christmas. We will have a few new children joining us after Christmas too.

Thank you for being flexible with arrangements over the last week, I hope your child was able to enjoy a range of our Christmas activities. I hope you enjoyed watching the videos of our Christmas songs, your children really enjoyed learning and performing them.

Thank you also for all the gifts and cards.

The next half term is likely to be the coldest period of the winter. Please ensure your child has a warm coat for Nursery and is dressed for being outside for a large part of each session. Hats and gloves are recommended too but please ensure these are labelled in some way so that we can easily match things back to their owners when they inevitably get left somewhere. Also a small plea to try and have gloves that are easily recognised by your child – we always end up with lots of odd gloves.

I just wish to clarify the session times for Nursery as I have had a few queries recently. Our official session times are

8.30am-11.30am

12.30pm – 3.30pm

We like to be flexible with these times to fit in better with main school so your child can arrive between 8.30 and 8.55am. Pick up time is between 3.05 and 3.30pm. Your child is entitled to a 3 hour session and I want to reassure parents that we are happy to have children right up until 3.30pm. We have been opening the Nursery gate from 3pm recently but after Christmas we will stick to 3.05pm at the earliest so please pick any other children up from main school first and then come round to Nursery.

After Christmas we are going to be formalising how you report absence from Nursery so that everyone involved knows a child is absent and why. From now on please use the following email address to report an absence in the first instance.

[absences@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:absences@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk)

**Have you applied for your child's Reception place yet?** You need to apply via [essex.gov.uk](https://www.essex.gov.uk) even if your child is in Explorers. You can apply for a Reception school place at an Essex primary school between 8th November 2021 and 15th January 2022. All applications received after 15th January will be treated as late and will only be processed after all on-time applications.

Staffing changes in Explorers as of January -

From Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Miss Higgs will be leaving the Explorers Team and joining the team in Rockets Class. Miss Higgs has thoroughly enjoyed her time in Explorers class this year and I am sure she will be missed by many of the Explorers. Although Miss Higgs will not be based in Explorers I'm pleased to inform you that Miss Higgs will continue to complete some short sessions in Explorers when possible.

In January, Miss Kendall will join the Nursery Team until the end of the Summer Term. Miss Kendall brings a huge amount of experience with her as she has been a teacher and worked in schools for many years. I am sure everyone associated to Explorers will join me in warmly welcoming Miss Kendall to the school.

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The whole Nursery team wish you a very merry Christmas. See you in the new year. Term starts again on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January so we will see you on your child's first session that week from Tuesday.

Please remember that you can contact me in several ways:-

Message via Seesaw – I am usually on Seesaw several times a day.

[HINSnursery@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:HINSnursery@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk) – this email is usually checked before and after school.

For any urgent messages please phone the school office to ensure the message gets through.

Merry Christmas

Mrs Glanville