



# School News

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Happy Friday everyone!

Ho ho ho! Just one week to go until our Christmas break. As you can imagine, the children are extremely excited and eagerly awaiting Rudolph and Father Christmas! A big thank you to our families for your support with our Nurture Base Christmas Stay and Play last Friday. Thanks to our Rowan families, who came today to enjoy Rowan's superb Nativity performance. Your children were absolutely amazing - such talented performers and beautiful singing voices. We look forward to welcoming our Birch and Hazel families next week for their class nativities.

On Wednesday and Thursday, it's Christmas party time! Remember, your child only comes to school on the day of their Christmas party (see Christmas dates and times below). Children wear **own clothes and a party hat** that they have made at home.

Please remember that the weekly newsletter is two-sided so you don't miss information on the reverse. The weekly newsletter is also viewable on our website [www.eastprescotroad.co.uk](http://www.eastprescotroad.co.uk). Scroll down to where it says 'Latest Newsletter' or go to the section 'families' and find the tab 'letters home' for all previous newsletters.

A few festive reminders...

### Christmas Food Bank Collection

There is still time to help those less fortunate this Christmas by bringing in items for our local food bank, **The Drive L14**. Please bring your donations into school and hand them to your child's class teacher. We would be very grateful for the following: **tins, pasta, rice, cupboard staples**.

### Winter coats

Please ensure your child has **a nice warm coat with a hood for school**. Children require the additional warmth of a winter coat.

**Hats, scarves, gloves and umbrellas not appropriate for school.** Hats, scarves and gloves go missing and also restrict a child's ability to play outdoors. Once the gloves get wet outside, they actually make the child feel colder and uncomfortable. Let me reassure you that in very cold weather, children will spend only very short periods of time outdoors with lots of opportunities to warm themselves up indoors.

### Attendance and Timekeeping:

This is the time of year when children pick up bugs. If your child is too poorly sick to come to school, the best place for them is at home resting. This allows them to make a swift recovery and prevents the spread of illness to other children.

Please ring the school office and let Joanne Jones know that they won't be in **on the first day of absence**. As a maintained nursery school, we follow the safeguarding procedures and policies of Liverpool City Council. As such, any **unexplained absences may be followed up as a safeguarding concern**.

### Names on all belongings / lost property basket

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please check the **lost property basket** in the library area for any un-named missing items.

### Nativity Performances

**Birch and Hazel** parents are invited to come and join us for a mince pie, tea and coffee before their child's nativity performance next week. The actual performances will start at **9.30am (morning) or 2pm (afternoons)**. **Refreshments will be available from 8.30am and 1.30pm in the staff room.**

The nativity performances take place in classrooms, where space is limited. Where two showings are offered, we request that families spread their attendance over the morning and afternoon. We will need to limit the audience to **2 family members per showing**. Thank you for your consideration.



## Children's Christmas Party Days

Please note that your child only attends school for **one** of the party days. On the alternate day, they do not attend school.

### On your child's party day, children will need:

- To wear a **party hat** that they have made at home with some help from their grown-up
- To bring a **£5 donation** towards the cost of the party
- To **come to school at 11am** and be **collected promptly at 2pm**
- To wear **own clothes**, not school uniform.

### Christmas dates and times:

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Birch Class Nativity at 9.30am or 2pm (refreshments before the show)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Hazel Class Nativity at 9.30am (refreshments before the show)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Rowan Class and Nurture Base Christmas party day (11am – 2pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No breakfast club, lunch club or after school club on this day</li> <li>• <b>Birch and Hazel children do not come to school today</b></li> </ul>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Birch Class and Hazel Class Snowman Christmas party day 11am – 2pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No breakfast club, lunch club or after school club on this day</li> <li>• <b>Rowan and Nurture Base children do not come to school today</b></li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	All children attend school 8.30am – 11.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School closes at 11:00am</b> for all children</li> <li>• No lunch club or after school club</li> </ul>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school (normal times)

### Staff Names

A number of you have asked me for a list of staff names for Christmas cards. Here are our teams below:

Rowan Class	Nurture Base	Birch Class	Hazel Class
Miss Tinsley Mrs Moran Mrs Bailey Miss Flynn Mrs Jackson (Wednesdays)	Mrs Jordan Miss Sime Miss Wright	Miss Wilson Miss Nolan Mrs Keeley Mrs Jackson (Tuesdays)	Miss Griffiths Mrs Thompson Miss Ryan Mrs Denson (Fridays)
Lunch Club	School Office	Cover Staff: Miss Fagan	
Mrs Hilton Miss Forrester	Mrs Jones		

This is my last newsletter of 2024. It has been a huge privilege seeing your children learning, growing and enjoying being part of our school family. Each and every one of them is so special and unique. We hope we have made our families feel welcome and part of our school family this term. You are wonderful families and we really appreciate your support more than you could know.

On behalf of the whole team, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and send you our very best wishes for a happy new year.

With love and best wishes  
Team EPR x

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