

NURSERY NEWS



Dear Parent,

As you may imagine the run up to Christmas in the Nursery School is a very busy and exciting time. During December the children will continue with the theme of ourselves but we will also think more about helping others around them, such as feeding the birds in our garden, and thinking about children less fortunate than themselves. Who knows if we try really hard they may even appreciate how much their parents do for them!

The children will be making lots of decorations to brighten up our room and also some for their tree at home (don't worry all are tasteful!).

APPLYING TO PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Primary school and Nursery school application procedure opens with a an online portal available on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 12 noon. The closing date will be on Friday 30th January 2020 (online portal closes 12 noon). Parents will still have to provide their supporting documentation for their application and this documentation should be sent by the parent directly to the first preference provider. As soon as we receive further information we will let you know.

OPEN DAYS

The following are the Open Days in the local primary schools:

- Hollywood Primary School - Open Day will be held Friday 6th December 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm.
- St Patrick's Primary School - Open Morning for Prospective P1 Pupils and Parents will be held Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 9.30 am.
- Glenraig Integrated Primary School - Open Mornings will be held on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th January 2020 at 11.00 am.
- Crawfordsburn Primary School - P1 Open Morning at 10.30 am on Wednesday 4th December. (You will be able to see the School in action with a guided tour from our Primary 7 pupils). For further information about the school, please browse www.crawfordsburnps.com or contact us on 02891 853813.
- Hollywood Steiner School - Advent Fair is on Sunday 8th December 12-6 pm and is open to the public and a series of fortnightly walkthroughs for interested potential parties.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



The annual Hollywood Nursery School Christmas Party will be held on Thursday 19th December. Each class party will last for one and a half hours. Mrs Henderson's children will attend from 9.00 am. until approximately 10.30 am, Ms Majury's morning class will attend from 9.30 am until 11.00 am and the afternoon class will attend from 12 noon until 1.30 pm. During the last half hour of each party the children will perform Christmas songs for their parents. Everyone is encouraged to come to hear the children singing. If we are very lucky (and everybody has been very good), Santa will arrive with gifts for the children. All gifts are supplied by the nursery school.

LETTERS TO SANTA

During December our Christmas post box will be in the Hall ready for any Santa letters you would like to post. All signed letters will be answered by Santa and his helpers!



WHO IS TRIXIE?



Every December Hollywood Nursery School welcomes a special visitor. Trixie aka The Elf on the Shelf arrives in Nursery School. Trixie moves around the Nursery at night and finds somewhere new to hide every day and she also plays lots of practical jokes on our children. They will have great fun coming in every morning and finding Trixie and trying to work out what mischief she has caused. Trixie will leave Nursery School on the day of our Christmas Party and go back to the North Pole to help Santa with his preparations and hopefully will be able to report back on how good all our boys and girls have been!

**END OF TERM – Our last day will be Friday 20th December '19.
School re-opens on Monday 6th January '20.**

MOBILE PHONES

We love playing with mobile phones in Nursery school - in our home corner and in other areas and we use to have a huge supply of them, but these have dwindled over the years as they have accidentally gone home in pockets. Do you have any old, non-functioning mobile phones that you would like to donate to us? We would be very grateful if you do! Please give them to any member of staff, our children will love playing with them.

CHEESY HEARTS RECIPE

Ingredients

175 g (6 oz) butter
250 g (8 oz) plain flour
175 g (6 oz) Gruyère or cheddar cheese
2 egg yolks
1 whole egg
salt and pepper



- Set the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6.
- Cut the butter into pieces and add to the large mixing bowl with the flour and salt and pepper.
- Rub in the butter with your fingertips or an electric mixer until the mixture looks like fine crumbs.
- Grate the cheese, then stir $\frac{3}{4}$ s into the bowl with the egg yolks. Mix and then shape the dough into a ball with your hands.
- Sprinkle the work surface with a little flour. Knead the ball of dough until it is smooth, then roll out until it is 5 mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch) thick.
- Cut out hearts or other shapes and put the biscuits spaced slightly apart on the (ungreased) baking sheets.
- Beat the whole egg in the small bowl and brush the biscuits with it using the pastry brush. Sprinkle with the remaining grated cheese.
- Bake in the oven for 8-10 minutes until golden. Leave to cool on the sheets.

*The biscuits could be sprinkled with sesame or poppy seeds before baking or left plain if preferred.

CHRISTMAS SONGS

Jingle Bells (Nursery Alternative Version)

Christmas time is near,
And we are off to bed,
As we climb the stairs,
We nod our sleepy heads.
We take our stockings off,
And hang them in a row,
And then jump quickly into bed
And off to sleep we go, oh!

Jingle Bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Santa Claus is coming soon riding on his sleigh.
Oh! Jingle Bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Hoorah for dear old Santa Claus, Hoorah for
Christmas Day.

When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
He began to shout,
You girls and boys, won't get any toys,
If you don't pull me out.
My beard is black, there's soot in my sack,
My nose is tickling too.
When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
Atchoo, atchoo, atchoo.

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
He began to yell,
Oh hurry please it's oh such a squeeze,
The reindeer's stuck as well.
His head's up there in the cold night air,
And Rudolph's nose is blue,
When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
Atchoo, atchoo, atchoo.

Santa Claus is dressed in Red

(To the tune of London Bridge is Falling Down)
Santa Claus is dressed in red, dressed in red, dressed
in red,
Santa Claus is dressed in red, good old Santa.

Santa's boots are big and black, big and black, big and
black,
Santa's boots are big and black, good old Santa.

All our toys are in his sack, in his sack, in his sack,
All our toys are in his sack, good old Santa.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You'd better watch out, you'd better not cry,
You'd better not pout, I'm telling you why,
Santa Claus is coming to Town.

He's making a list, he's checking it twice,
He's going to find out, who's naughty or nice,
Santa Claus is coming to Town.

He knows when you are sleeping,
He knows when you're awake,
He knows if you've been bad or good,
So be good for goodness sake.
Oh! You'd better watch out, you'd better not cry,
You'd better not pout, I'm telling you why,
Santa Claus is coming to Town.



COMMUNITY PAGE

Tiger Tots Day Nursery - Seahill, Holywood

Tiger Tots Day Nursery provides afterschool and after-Preschool care with collection from many of the local preschools and primary schools.

At After-Preschool & Afterschool Club, our main objective is to create a fun yet stimulating environment where the children can continue to develop their social, physical, intellectual and emotional skills. We endeavour to create a loving and caring environment where children can relax and feel comfortable after their day at preschool/school. In addition, our team are passionate about childcare and are fully committed to fulfilling the needs of the children in their care.

Our preschool children will receive a hot lunch (@ 12.00) and a hot Tea @ 15.30. In the Afterschool Room the children can enjoy a hot tea, chat with their friends and complete homework (with one to one support when needed).

Four reasons to choose Tiger Tots Afterschool.....

- Supervised homework support provided in a quiet, study-friendly environment.
- Delicious homemade food!
- A range of extracurricular structured activities such as baking, arts and crafts and outdoor play!
- Fun full-day provision throughout the school holidays with lots of fun excursions!

For further information or if you would like to have come and visit our setting call us on 028 9042 5316 or email adele@wearetigertots.com. 16A Old Seahill Road, Holywood, BT18 OEG

ZUMBA FITNESS

Classes on Wednesdays at Redburn Community Centre, Jacksons Road, Holywood from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm, £5 per class. No need to book and no experience necessary. Contact Joanne for more details Telephone No: 07533 940935 or Email: joanne.hanna70@btinternet.com

DANCE CLASSES

Dance classes at First Holywood Presbyterian Church - Wednesdays.

Age 3-4 years: 4.00 pm - 4.45 pm - Pre-School Ballet

Age 5-8 years: 4.45 pm - 5.45 pm - Jazz & Tap

Fun classes in a friendly environment.

Contact Gillian on 07891889909, www.gillianjones-danceacademy.co.uk

LEO MAGUIRE TAEKWON-DO SCHOOL

Little Tiger Cubs - Fun and Safe Fitness Training Program for children 3 to 5 years old. Saturdays from 12.30 pm - 1.15 pm. Introducing Basic Martial Arts Skills through a mixture of games, fitness drills and Taekwon-Do training. For more information contact Leo Maguire on 07891191494.

YOGA SUNSHINE

New Children's Yoga Class in Hollywood! Yoga Classes for 2½ - 4 year. Classes will run in Hollywood Old School, Church Road every Friday morning from 9.45 am - 10.45 am.

Pre-booking is essential - contact Claire on 07779626366 or email: Claire.mykindofyoga@gmail.com.

HOLYWOOD LIBRARY

Storytime is held on the first Saturday of the month from 11.30 am to noon. Children aged from 4 to 6 years very welcome.

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES PRE-SCHOOL PRAISE GROUP

Every Thursday from 10.00am - 12 noon

Come along and enjoy a friendly chat, crafts to do with your toddlers and sing-a-long time. Coffee, scones and snacks for the kids will be provided.

REDBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Kids Church - Every Sunday from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm - Ages 4-11 years welcome.

1ST HOLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mother and Toddlers meets every Tuesday - 10.00 am - 11.30 am

HOLYWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Baby and Toddlers meets at 10.00 am every Wednesday morning during term time in the Hollywood Methodist Church Hall.

Girls' Brigade Explorers meets from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm every Wednesday in the Hollywood Methodist Church Cedar Hall.

Sunday School meets at 11.00 am every Sunday morning.

1ST HOLYWOOD SCOUT GROUP, HEASLEY HALL, CHURCH VIEW

We have sections for ages 4-18 years - Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. For details phone the Group Scout Leader, Liz Ballard at 90424570.

BALLYGILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mothers and Toddlers meets every Thursday morning from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

HOLYWOOD PLAY COMPANY - The Scout Hall, 22-30 Ean Hill, Hollywood - 07837598691

Are you looking for a childcare solution? Look no further ... Hollywood Play Company is Hollywood's newest and exciting child care provider. We do pick-ups from local primary schools, we offer a relaxed home from home atmosphere meeting children's individual needs. We encourage a range of activities including arts and crafts, outdoor play, x box, laptop computer, baking weekly and lots of other games and toys. Our session runs each day until 5.45 pm (and we cater for the P1

September/October early pick-ups). Visits are always welcome so feel free to come and meet our team and see the after school at work! Tel- 07837598691, The Scout Hall, 22-30 Ean Hill, Hollywood, BT18 9LQ, e-mail - holywoodplayco@hotmail.co.uk.

HOLYWOOD AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- An integrated after school club for P1 - Y8;
- Quality assured day care;
- Social Services Registered;
- Wrap around childcare and holiday club;
- Safe and Stimulating Environment.

For further information and registration form contact

Hollywood After School Club

108/110 High Street

Hollywood BT18 9HW

Tel: 02890 427842 or nadia@hollywoodafterschool.co.uk

FOUNDATIONS FIRST

Foundations First is a small, independent and professional child therapy centre based in Hollywood, Co Down. The developmental journey for any child is individual. It involves acquiring many skills as they learn to engage, interact, and participate with the world around them. As a parent, you know your child best, understand their individual ways and recognise their skills. If you have concerns that your child's development is different from that of other children the same age, then seeking early intervention is recommended.

Who We Are The team at Foundations First was established by two therapists from different professional backgrounds. Anne McCullough is an occupational therapist and Liz Borland is a speech and language therapist. With over thirty year's experience in child development, they collaborate to use their acquired skills and expertise to support children and their families. We are passionate about the benefits that **joint multidisciplinary** working can provide for such children and at Foundations First, we value the joint therapy approach. This allows us to draw on the specialist knowledge from both professional fields, to fully appreciate your child's strengths and challenges and understand how they function holistically.

What We Offer

Helping children achieve their potential and develop skills for lifelong learning:

- Consultations; •Assessments; •Multidisciplinary Intervention; •Therapy Reports
- Liaison with Other Support Services; •Advice - Resources - Home Programmes

If you would like further information, have a look at our website. You can use the contact form to request more information.