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**Wallace Hall Academy, Primary and ELC**

"Together we grow, learn and achieve"

**Head Teacher:** Barry Graham

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## Early Learning and Childcare Newsletter

### Nursery Staff

**Teachers: Mrs Smith**

**Mrs McDiarmid** (Wednesday Mornings)

**Nursery Nurses:** Miss Murdoch (Monday to Friday AM and PM),  
Mrs Ackland (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday AM) and  
Miss Weir (Mondays and Tuesdays AM)

**Early Years Support Assistant:** Mrs Marchbank and Ms Gray

**Learning Support Assistant:** Ms Gray



### Christmas Craft Fayre Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2pm—4pm

Wallace Hall Academy

£1.50 for admission and refreshments. Great local Craft stalls.

We will be selling Christmas Crafts made by the children, please come along to support us. Funds raised will contribute to our summer activities.

### Wood Walks

This Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November will be our last Wellie Wednesday for Term Two. As we are beginning to decorate and organise the room for Christmas, the children will have their Wood Walk on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November instead of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December (so the elves can start to work their magic!).

Wellie Wednesday and Forest Friday will resume week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### Reminder of Session Times

Morning Session 8.45am to 11.55am

Afternoon session 12.15pm to 3.25pm

There is a flexible drop off / pick up period as follows:

#### Morning Session

Drop off between 8.45am and 9.00am

Pick up between 11.40am and 11.55am

#### Afternoon Session

Drop off between 12.15pm and 12.30pm

Pick up between 3.10pm and 3.25pm

All day children must be picked up at 3.05pm



### Christmas Post

A post box will be available for the posting of Christmas cards within Nursery from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. There will be a list of children's names in the cloakroom area to help with the spelling of children's names.



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### **Celebration of Christmas - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

This will be in normal session times, celebrating the children's learning so far. Parents are invited to join us for the morning session at 10.15am and for the afternoon session at 1.45pm. Children who don't normally come to Nursery on a Thursday are invited to come with their parents at these specified times:

- Either in the morning from 10.15-11.30am
- Or the afternoon from 1.45-3pm

There will be a variety of activities for parents and children to get involved in. Christmas Crafts, made by the children and staff, will be for sale. This project will be part of the Enterprise and Citizenship curriculum areas in Nursery. This is also a fund raiser for our summer activities.



### **Christmas Lunches – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Children who stay all day on Fridays may order a Christmas lunch

### **Christmas Parties** Normal session times

Monday afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> December:- parents are invited to arrive 2.45pm ready for Santa's arrival at 2.50pm

Tuesday morning 19<sup>th</sup> December:- parents are invited to arrive at 11.15am ready for Santa's arrival at 11.20am.

The children are invited to wear their party clothes.

Parents of children who do not attend these sessions, should see Mrs Smith to arrange when their child can join us.

### **Carol Concert on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

This is to be held in Thornhill Parish Church at 1.30pm.

Wednesday afternoon children will be attending Church under the care of the Nursery staff, however if your child doesn't usually attend on a Wednesday afternoon and wants to join in with the singing in Church, they will be very welcome. They should meet us at the Church and must be accompanied by a parent/carer. They will be invited out of the congregation to sing the songs with the rest of the Nursery boys and girls. They remain, at all times, the responsibility of the parent/carer and will leave the Church with the rest of the congregation.

Wednesday morning and afternoon session will be as normal.

### **Dates for your diary**

Christmas Craft Fayre - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December (2pm to 4pm)

Celebration of Christmas - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Concert - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (1.30pm)

Party for afternoon children - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Party for morning children - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of term - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

First day of Term 3 - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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Reminder!

Please remember to bring in a family photograph for our Photo Menorah display in the Nursery.

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