

## Newton Nippers Pre-school

### Newsletter November 14

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term, I hope you are ready for an exciting and busy time leading up to Christmas. First of all we would like to share some of the exciting things we got up to in the first half of term.



The children enjoyed going on visits to the Library, Tesco and exploring our village. We have made a preschool scarecrow, number lines with our feet/ hands and danced to music while we painted. The children also found out about their local environment by investigating the maize from the fields and talking about how it was cut.



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Whatever the weather decides to throw at us we always go outside and find vast learning opportunities whilst having a great time in the process.

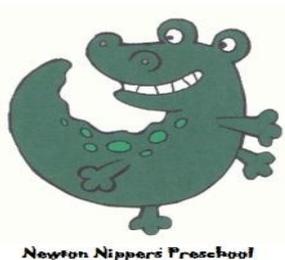
#### Dates for your diary

We have lots of exciting opportunities coming up this half term, here are some dates to keep in mind, and further information will be given as these activities approach.

**Children in need** is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November and the pre-school will be joining the school in dressing up as your favourite superhero or make up your own with super powers. A voluntary contribution from anyone that is dressed up will go to this worthy charity.

**The Christmas tree festival** will be taking place in Crediton Parish Church on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Newton Nippers have a 6ft tree again this year called “Tree of light” which the children will be making decorations for. Please go along and view the festival as it really is a sight to see.





## Christmas nativity

This year we have an exciting opportunity to join together with class 1 for our Christmas nativity. This is a new experience for us and one which we hope you will enjoy as much as we will. The nativity is called 'Angel Express' and will take place in the Church on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3:00pm. Further information on any costumes will follow as soon as we can.

**The Christmas Party** will be on the last day of term which is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30 – 3:00pm. The party will take place at pre-school and all children are invited to attend. There will hopefully be a visit from Father Christmas and all children will receive a gift donated by FANS. We will be asking however if parents can provide some party food, a list will go up nearer the time, if you would kindly put your name up against an item that would be much appreciated.

## Reminders

There are a couple of things we would like to remind you, firstly could you please ensure that both gates remain shut at all times, this is to safeguard all the children. Also please remember that the toys in the shed are only to be used under staff supervision, this is also in response to our health and safety guidelines. Thank you.

Please can you make sure that your child has a spare set of clothes in case we should need to change them and a coat as we always endeavour to go outside regardless of the weather, a pair of wellies are also very useful.

Thank you to those of you that have been using our wow board in the lobby, it is lovely to be able to share your children's achievements in the pre-school and their faces light up when they share their stars with their friends. If you should need more stars then please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

The comment box is also situated in the lobby, this is a chance to write down any positive or negative comments about the pre-school that you would like to address anonymously. We really appreciate all comments as it helps us to reflect on our provision and act accordingly, this is also good practice and one that Ofsted will value when they inspect.

## FANS

You should all have received an email from the Primary school about the latest FANS meeting. FANS is a voluntary group run by friends and parents/carers of Newton St Cyres Primary School, and they arrange lots of fundraising events in order to support the school. We are looking for parents of the pre-school to join FANS and help the fundraising as this will now include the pre-school. We are particularly looking for a parent/carer representative to act on behalf of the pre-school. If you would be interested please speak to a member of staff or go into the school office.

Thank you all for your continued support, if you have any queries or suggestions please speak to a member of staff.

