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Christmas 2024 Newsletter



We're speeding towards the festive break but there's lots coming over the next few weeks so please do mark the dates in your diary!

The Festive Season!

Christmas Party – Wednesday 11th December

We've got a very special guest coming to visit, who is looking forward to meeting all the children – his elves have been busy and he will be bringing some treats!

We have booked Pop up play for a session in from 1pm-3pm so that the children can have a good run around and party! If it is not your Scallywag's normal day then they are still welcome to join us from 1pm, but we must request an adult comes along to so we can maintain staff ratios.

We have decided not to do party food this year as the children will have not long had lunch and it's better that they are allowed to play. There will however be a small treat provided by Scallywags before home time.

Nativity – Wednesday 18th December

Sallywags will be delighted to share their nativity with all our families on December 11th at Halwill Baptist Church. All the children can be involved even if it's not their normal day, in which case please bring your child to the Church hall at 1.30pm so we can dress your child in their costume. The performance will start at 2pm so please arrive early but not before 1.30pm.

Refreshments will be available afterwards (for a small donation)

New Years Staff & Parents Social

As everyone is usually busy in the lead up to Christmas, we will look to have a parents and staff social event in the New Year. Any ideas welcome!

Outdoor Play

Can we remind you to provide warm clothing and to pack extra clothing for your child for their session at Scallywags. The children will be playing outside wherever possible every day and this can mean their clothes can get wet and dirty. Gloves, hats, coats and at least 2 sets of spare clothes help us to keep them comfortable and having fun all day.

Primary School Applications

For those of you with children who were born between September 1st 2020 and 31st August 2021 – it is now time to apply for your child's primary school place! Applications are now open, and Lorraine and Pennie will guide you to where you need to go. Most local schools are more than glad to give tours and show you around, so do get in touch with them. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2025.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising this term.

The Halloween Disco brought in just over £100, and it looked like the children really enjoyed the fun, games and dancing.

The Christmas Fair generated just under £400 so thank you for all your support. Lorna will be looking at some exciting new additions to the event next year with a new time and format, so we look forward to that!

Please look out for a letter from Lorna, to update you on where we sit financially and how important our fundraising is.

Don't forget - You can also support us every time you shop online with **easyfundraising.co.uk**. Simply set up an account – choose us as your cause and then visit hundreds of your favourite websites, via the easy fundraising app and we will get an extra cashback donation with no extra cost to you! As online shopping peaks in the run up to Christmas we would love for as much support as possible!

Spring Events

Our Big Breakfast will be back in January, along with a Valentine Bingo. Dates will be confirmed shortly so please keep an eye out and we hope to see you there!

Healthy Eating

At Scallywags we encourage healthy eating by providing a nutritious morning snack and talking with the children about healthy eating. Lunch is an important meal, but we recognise that it's not always easy to know what to give your child. Please see the Healthy Lunchbox ideas sheet attached. We ask that nuts and sweet are never included in lunches and that grapes are cut in half to reduce the risk of choking.

Lorna, Staff & the Committee

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