



**THE CHILDREN DID SO WELL IN OUR NATIVITY PLAY
IT WAS AMAZING!**



**Fynamore Pre-school
Newsletter,
January 2016**

We are now on Facebook!

Dear parents and carers,
Happy New Year and best wishes for 2016! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed some time with your families!

Welcome to our new friends from Lickhill Road

This month we will be settling back into the Pre-school and Danielle from Lickhill Road will also be helping our new friends join in.

We would like to welcome Ben, Charlene, Charlotte, Ella, Ellie-May, Jake, Katie-Ella, Leea, Mason, Nikodern, Ryan and Spencer who are all starting with us this term. We are looking forward to getting to know all of you and hope that you settle well!

Welcome to their parents too. If you have any questions please just ask your child's Key Person or Tracy.

RSPB: Big School Birdwatch

5th Jan -13th February

We will be taking part in the National Bird Watch this term, making our own bird food and counting the number of birds that visit our setting. There are lots of resources available if you would like to get involved at home – visit www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

Story and Rhyme of the Month

We have two stories this month, one is 'Jack Frost' written by Kazuno Kohara . If the weather gets colder it will fit really well this month!



Our second book is 'Marvin Wanted MORE!' written by Joseph Theobald. This book was chosen by the children as the really enjoy it!



As we have new friends joining us and as it is so popular with the children we will be singing and practicing the 'Days of the Week' rhyme. So you can sing it with them it is written below:

**“Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
too.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 days,
Each day different and
everyday new.”**

Letter and Sounds

At pre-school we focus on Phase One and over the school year we plan regular activities to support the 7 different aspects through child and adult led activities.

Each aspect is divided into 3 strands and develops children's ability to:

- Listen to sounds
- Listen and remember
- Talk about sounds

This terms aspect is **Environmental Sounds** and aims to develop children's awareness of sounds they can

Why not use the outdoors to encourage children to explore the sounds they can hear. Encourage your child to stop and listen....comment and name sounds that you can hear to support them.

You must apply for a School Place if your child is four before September this year (2016!)

The closing is noon on 15th January 2016. You can apply on line on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place>

If you need any help with this please speak with a member of staff.

Children's Bags

Please make sure that your child brings a name you bring in a bag with spare clothes for your child for each session they are in. Also, if your child is sent home in some of our spare clothes please could you return them washed soon after.

Boys clothes

We are currently low on boy's clothes; if anyone has any unwanted clothes that we could have it would be appreciated.

'WOW' moments

We are sure that you have many photographs and 'WOW' moments of the children's achievements over the holidays – you can email them in to fynamore@sunnydays-nursery.co.uk or complete a form in the entrance.

Happy Birthday!!!

★ **Nyasha: 12th**
Ela: 19th
Leea 27th ★
Maria: 29th

Homemade play dough

- 1 cup of flour (whatever kind you have on hand)
- ¼ cup of salt
- ½ cup of water
- 3 to 5 drops of natural food colouring

Step 1: Mix together the flour and the salt.

Step 2: Mix together ½ cup of warm water with a few drops of food coloring.

Step 3: Slowly pour the water into the flour mixture, stirring as you pour. Stir until combined, then knead with your hands until the flour is completely absorbed. If the dough is too sticky, add more flour until it doesn't stick at all.

Most children love to get involved in sensory play and it is so beneficial. They'll enjoy playing with the homemade play dough, especially if you join in too, but they'll want a few toys to play with, especially those that make marks.

Some of the things we give the children to use with their play dough are:

- Kitchen utensils
- Rolling pins
- Cookie cutters
- Biscuit cutters