



Four Seasons

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Christmas Update 2010

Dear Parents,

Now that December is here, I feel I can mention the Christmas word. Naturally we will be very busy leading up to this magic time of the year. The snow arriving early has definitely added to the children's excitement even if it has caused the adults some travel headaches. You may occasionally receive a text message from us. We use this service as an instant reminder, though unlike e-mails it does cost and you cannot reply. It is also there in case we have to shut any of the nurseries so we can contact parents quickly. George and I have been very proud that the staff have made such sterling efforts to get to work.

The Parents' Evenings in each nursery were very successful. Our thanks to all who attended and for the wonderful feedback we received. We should have followed up on any of your written comments but if you want to take anything further please keep letting us know. I can sometimes be guilty of talking in the corridor and not following up – the staff are much more efficient at form filling.

I was invited to the City Chambers last week for a celebration of Glasgow's Commonwealth Apprentices Initiative. I took our four CAI apprentices and we had an enjoyable time. Chloe, Joy, Gemma and Stephanie were really impressed with Councillor Matheson's speech. They starred on the special DVD, launched that night, talking about their experiences. I also appear to discuss the employer perspective – not so enjoyable!

Christmas parties are being held later this year. Spectrum and Cadogan Street are on Wednesday 22nd and Skypark on the 23rd. Times for Santa are, as ever, fluid as it depends on how chatty he and the children are. I do try to keep him on track so the rooms will have approximate times. You are welcome to attend the parties and we will expect you to join in the games and singing.

Our Busy Bees Nativity shows are already shaping up well. I have had such fun being involved in discussing the story and we are all learning lots of new songs. It is shaping up to be a very special reminder of the real meaning of Christmas. This year I hope to be helped on the musical front by Liam who will play a keyboard which was donated to the nurseries. This will undoubtedly be better on your ears than my erratic guitar playing. Cadogan will be on the 15th and the joint Spectrum/ Skypark on the 16th both at 4pm. Close family members are welcome but please be sparing in your invitations.

Remember Cadogan Street is open on Saturday mornings 9am-1pm. If you need a few hours child-free shopping let your room staff know. There is a £6 per hour charge.

Wishing you happy and fraught-free preparations.

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