



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Sunny Days Christmas Party and met Father Christmas. I'm sure you will agree that all the children had a wonderful time joining in with games and dancing.



# Sunny Days

Children's Nursery

Lyneham Newsletter

January 2017

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## Happy New Year

The staff at Sunny Days would like to say welcome back from the Christmas break and thank-you for all the lovely gifts we received at Christmas. We hope that you made time for some relaxation with your families. We would like to extend a special welcome to those children and their Parents/Carers who have joined us in January

### RSPB: Big School Birdwatch

28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> January

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

### Winter Weather

This term will be looking at and learning about the changes in the weather. We will be exploring ice and what happens to it when it melts. We would also love it if it snowed!



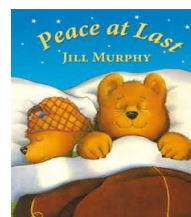
## Book Start Packs

Sharing books, stories and rhymes everyday helps your child to become a confident and eager learner even before they start school. Book Start is a national initiative aimed to inspire a love of reading and allows book packs to be gifted to every two and three year old in the country. Follow up research from the project suggests that engaging families at an early stage has long term benefits with families, maintaining children's enthusiasm for literacy as they grow older.

Every 3 year old born between 1/9/12 – 31/10/13 attending the pre-school will have received their book start packs now.

## Christmas Tree Festival

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us and went along to vote. We were really pleased to announce that our Owl themed tree won!



## Stories of the Month

Our stories this month will be Peace At Last by Jill Murphy and Have You Got My Purr? By Judy West. These stories will be supporting our Letter and Sounds program by encouraging the children to join in with the story by making the sounds with their voices or through body percussion.

## Rhyme of the Month

### Put Your Coat On

Put your coat on, put your coat on

And make yourself nice and cosy

Put your coat on, put your coat on

And come along out to play

You can add verses – Put your hat on, make your head nice and cosy, gloves etc

## This Month -

### Things to Remember

#### Applying For School Place

If your child is four before September 2017 you must apply for a school place before 15<sup>th</sup> January. You can apply online, using 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.

Lyneham Primary School are having an open day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January which is a great opportunity to take a tour of the school.

### Outdoor Clothing

As the weather gets colder and wetter please could you ensure your child comes to pre-school with a warm waterproof coat and a pair of wellington boots. This ensures the children can still have lots of fun outside while keeping dry and warm

### Half Term

Our last day of term will be Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. We have one week off and return Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### Attendance/Illness

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent – all children's attendance will now be recorded and monitored as part of our Ofsted requirements

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### School Parking

Lyneham Primary school have asked that all Pre-school Parents please use the pre-school car park behind the pre-school, accessed from Harrow Grove

### 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 **Body percussion** and aims to develop children's awareness of sounds and rhythms.

Why not use the outdoors to encourage children to explore different ways of making sounds with their bodies Encourage your child to stop and listen when they march, stamp, clap hands or splash in puddles.

## SPEEDY BIRD CAKE



RSPB- Bird Watch – an activity to give nature a home on your door step. We will be making bird cake at school to encourage the birds into our garden, why not give it a go at home. We will also be putting up new bird boxes to encourage the birds to nest in our garden .

#### Things you need

Good quality bird seed; raisins; peanuts; grated cheese; suet or lard; yoghurt pots; string; mixing bowl; scissors

1.Carefully make a small hole in the bottom of a yoghurt pot. Thread string through the hole and tie a knot on the inside. Leave enough string so that you can tie the pot to a tree or your bird table



2.Allow the lard to warm up to room temperature, but don't melt it. Then cut it up into small pieces and put it in the mixing bowl

3. Add the other ingredients to the bowl and mix them together with your fingertips. Keep adding the seed/raisin/cheese mixture and squidding it until the fat holds it all together.

4.Fill your yoghurt pots with bird cake mixture and put them in the fridge to set for an hour

5.Hang your speedy bird cakes from trees or your bird table. Watch for greenfinches, tits and possibly even great spotted woodpeckers.

#### Important notes

Not suitable for children with nut allergies. Note that bird seed, including peanuts bought for birds, is not suitable for human consumption.

Have a look on the RSPB web site for easy apple core bird feeder.

**Other ways to help** !! Remember to put water out in the garden

Birds need water for drinking and bathing. Water is particularly important during the winter when natural supplies may be frozen.

