

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we started learning some Christmas songs, you may have heard your child singing them at home.

Reindeer Hokey Pokey <u>https://youtu.be/E48dJsivx7s</u> 5 Little Snowmen Standing in a Row <u>https://youtu.be/vrfCD9wjLUE</u> Pop Bang Crack Christmas Cracker Song <u>https://youtu.be/EPxpPkldiN0</u> We Wish you a Merry Christmas <u>https://youtu.be/hNkvV4PR-q0</u>

Within the "Expressive Arts and Design" section of the Early Years Curriculum, for 3 & 4 year olds it states, "Remember and sing entire songs", "Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person", "Sing the melodic shape of familiar songs". Within "Physical Development", "Increasingly able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm. In "Maths", "Show finger numbers up to 5". All of this learning is being developed within the songs we are learning.

Christmas raffle tickets are available if you wish to buy any, £1 for a strip. Staff have donated prizes and all money raised will help pay for Christmas activities. Thanks to those who have already bought some.

A reminder Christmas Stay and Play will take place on Wednesday 20th December. If your child attends Nursery all day and you haven't already done so please let me know which session you are able to attend. It is very informal and will involve Christmas craft activities and singing Christmas songs. The session will last no longer than half an hour.

School closes on Friday 20th December at 1.30pm (the morning session will end at the usual time of 11:45am) and reopens on Monday 8th January.

Before school finishes for the Christmas break, the children will be reassessed using WellComm which tracks their progress in Communication and Language. Their next steps will be sent through to you using EvidenceMe once the assessments have been completed.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Riley