



## WUFA Pre-School Newsletter December 2020

Lockdown is finally over and we now find ourselves in Tier 2 with quite heavy restrictions. Please be rest assured we continue to read and follow Guidance and run our setting accordingly. The children are unaffected by these changes and they continue to learn and enjoy their time and we cherish these moments with your children.

Christmas is a special time and we realise it must be so strange not being able to see the setting in person. We hope the photos below will give you a helpful insight! We have decorated our Blenheim tree with salt dough decorations made by the children, we have twinkled the room in general with white lights and ivy and made a Christmas den over the role play area.



November and December is always busy at Pre-School. The children have enjoyed a wealth of activities both inside and outside. They particularly enjoyed celebrating Diwali and Stick Man a much loved children's book.

Earlier in the month we had a visit from Pudsey Bear for children in Need. The visit was in the Oxford Mail and if you didn't see it please see the link below:

<https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/18871586.oxfordshire-man-children-needs-pudsey-bear-40-years/>

We are aware at this time of year we send out lots of information and requests. We thank you for your continued support and as a Charity we can not tell you how vital fundraising is to our sustainability, so thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter and the following information.

Kate and all the team @ WUFA.



### This month WUFA:

You may be wondering why the children are suddenly talking about Butterflies and Caterpillars. This is because as a setting we are continually evolving how the children are learning and we adapt how we deliver this learning according to the children's ages and abilities.

This term at each group time/morning hello time, the children have split off into their groups which are now called the "Butterflies" or "Caterpillars":

- The Butterfly Group consists of the older 3 year old children so that we can challenge and extend their learning. We will also use this opportunity to plan appropriate Phonic sessions. This month we have been looking at rhyming words, listening to the initial sounds in various words and also listening to the sounds that instruments make. This week we are focusing on using descriptive language.
- The Caterpillar Group consists of the 2 and younger 3 year olds. This is a shorter group for the younger children and a time to share various activities. This term we have been reading "Brown bear, Brown bear, what do you see?" "Colour me Happy" and "No David." The children have enjoyed engaging with these stories and joining in with the rhythm and repetitive refrains.

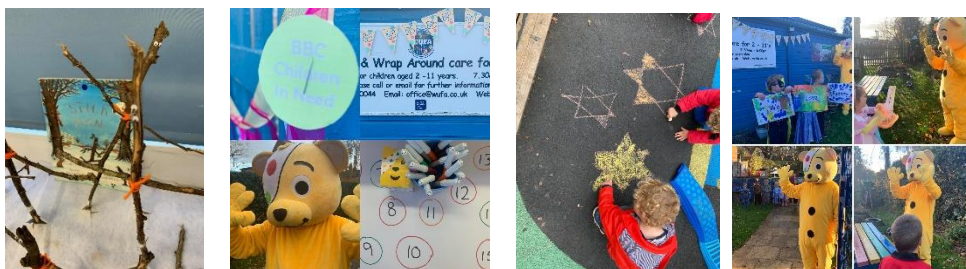
### December: Stories of the week:

7<sup>th</sup> Farmyard Tales Christmas

14<sup>th</sup> Why I love Christmas

### Phonics:

We continue to bring phonics into everyday learning at WUFA and every keyperson will also plan appropriate phonic activities relevant to their children's interest and ability.





### WUFA Pre-School Christmas party on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30:

This year we will be holding a Christmas party for all the Pre-School children. It is open to ALL children even if it isn't their normal session. We like to encourage everyone to come and join in as we will be talking about it and we don't want anyone to miss out. The children will enjoy some festive games, Christmas carols, party food and a little socially distant visit from Father Christmas!



### Christmas Fundraising for WUFA:

**Christmas Cards:** These are back already and we will be sending them home with the children as soon as possible. Thank you to all that placed an order, we think the cards look lovely!

**Bags2School:** What a response we had, the bags were collected on Monday and we will keep you posted on any money raised.

**The Jay Alice Woodstock 2021 Calendar:** These will be on sale from this Friday. Jay Alice professional photographer who has been busy taking stunning photos of Woodstock, she is selling this Calendar for £12.99 and 50% of any sale comes to WUFA. If you are interested in purchasing one please email Jay direct on: [jay@jayalicephotographic.com](mailto:jay@jayalicephotographic.com)



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## Christmas Eve Elf Visit

Calling all Woodstock Parents! My name is Jazz and I was born and grew up here in Woodstock.

This Christmas I was supposed to be making magic with Disney Cruise Line as a Youth Activities Entertainer working with children aged 2-18 years old and hanging out with some famous characters. Instead I will be making magic here in Woodstock in the form of Christmas Eve boxes for children ages 2-8.

I grew up going to WUFA Pre-School and remember visits from Santa and the joy it brought to the festive period. In a year with little sparkle I want to bring some glitter!

So... this Christmas Eve treat your little ones to a magical experience in their own home!

One of Santa's elves will be out delivering Christmas Eve boxes to your doorstep. Boxes will include Snowman Soup, a Chocolate treat, a small gift and wildlife friendly reindeer food (subject to availability.) All boxes will be packaged wearing gloves and social distancing will be maintained at the visit.

All money raised will be donated to WUFA. Contact [woodstockelf@gmail.com](mailto:woodstockelf@gmail.com) for more information and bookings forms.



This is the last Newsletter of 2020 and what a year it has been!

The last day of term is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December