

Dear mums, dads and carers,

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Notification of early closure on last day`

The last day of term is **Wednesday 21st December** and we shall be closing at **2.00pm** for all 'term-time only' children, in line with the primary school. This means there will be no extended day services for Reception children. However, there will still be a reduced child-care service for our 'all year round' families on this day.

We would appreciate it if working and studying parents can collect their children early, preferably by 4pm, so staff can clean the Centre before it closes entirely for the Christmas break. If you expect difficulties on this day please speak to Michael Jarrett or Honoria Lukulay.



Join us for a Carol singing session

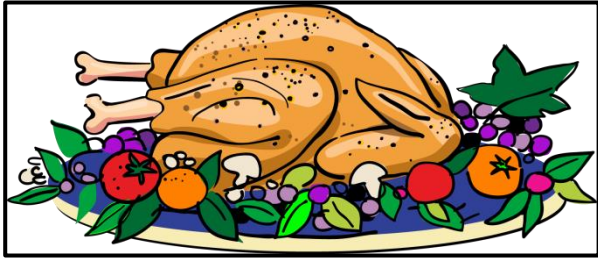
There will be a carol singing session that parents/carers can attend on the final Friday of the Autumn term. It is taking place in the Outreach hall at **9.30am on Friday 16th December**, and ends at 9.50am.

Please come and join our children and staff on this special day to sing your hearts out and mark the end of the year. (The entrance from Blackstock Road closes at 9.30am, so make sure you're on time if you're coming that way!)

Dates for our 'End of Year' parties

All of our rooms will be having celebrations on **Friday 16th December** to mark the end of the term and of 2016 itself. Please speak to your child's keyperson about the specific arrangements for your room and if you can contribute healthy snacks (that don't contain nuts!). Toddler Room and Baby Room will be holding their parties at **2.30pm** and both Nursery classes will be holding theirs at **2.00pm**. Reception classes will be holding theirs in the afternoon of Tuesday 20th December.





Details of special 'Christmas Lunch'

Caterlink have settled on a date and the annual Christmas lunch will be served on **Tuesday 20th December**. The main course will be roast turkey served with chipolata sausage, sage and onion stuffing, cranberry sauce and gravy OR feta, spinach and cranberry roulade.

Both options will be served with herby roast potatoes, glazed carrots and a garden pea medley. Meanwhile, desert will be a festive chocolate log and cream.

Reminder about Reception's winter show

Reception's winter performance of 'Snowman at Sunset' is taking place on **Tuesday 20th December at 10am**.

Parents/carers are asked to arrive at either the School or Children's Centre admin office in plenty of time to be seated before the performance begins.

You can take photos and film your own children but please use all pictures and footage sensibly, so don't upload anything to the internet or social media. Every child should be sent home with a script already, so please help our budding thespians practice their lines at home...



Last chance for Reception's reading session

Just a last minute reminder for Reception class parents that the final reading workshop/early reading information session is taking place on **Tuesday 6th December at 2pm**. Please just book your place with Lorna in Reception Blue class.

If you can't make it and would like to attend another date, please just speak to Lorna, who will try her best to arrange an alternative. It's really important to try and attend if you can...

Welcome to our new Reception Class reps

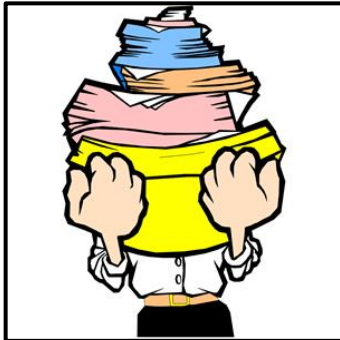
We'd like to pass our thanks on to the four parents who have volunteered to become Class Representatives in Reception. Their role will be to support parents and carers in getting to know each other and to help arrange social events and fundraising for the school and Children's Centre.

Reception Green are represented by **Sorrell Challands** (top left) and **Amy Hodge** (top right), while Reception Blue are represented by **Delyia Benmoussa** (bottom left) and **Jenny Chiu** (bottom right).



Transitions meetings for new rooms

There are upcoming meetings organized to discuss the transition process if your child is changing rooms in January. It's very important you attend one as it'll provide an opportunity to ask questions in anticipation of the big change. You'll also be able to meet staff members who work in your child's new room. The meetings are being held on **Tuesday 13th December at 8.30am and 12.00pm.**



Paperwork and documents needed this week

Many of our families have been asked to complete their regular re-assessment to prove income levels and/or their address. This is for all families who are changing rooms or who are going to have different hours from January onwards. That's when our new 'core day' service will come into effect, with the times are changing to 9.15am - 3.15pm. Please speak to the admin office if you have any questions as the deadline to hand in all paperwork is **Friday 9th December.**

Who to speak to and governance

We aim to have open communication. Your child's key person and then the room lead will be the people you have most contact with. However, there may be times when you want more support from the senior leadership team of **Michael Jarrett**, Head of Centre, **Honoria Lukulay**, Assistant Head, or **Lorna Pryne**, Early Years Foundation Stage Co-coordinator.

Our Advisory Board parents are **Christine Langford** and **Ram Deb. Mary Stevens**, parent of a Nursery child, is also on the Governing Body.

Communication and feedback

Each child has a pigeonhole labelled with his/her name. Please check this daily as this is where you will find any up to date communications from us. If you have any compliments, complaints or suggestions to help us improve our services for all our children and families, please fill in a feedback form (available from the foyer).

Very best wishes,

The Ambler Team



Term dates and holidays

BR = Baby Room, TR = Toddler Room, N = Nursery
TTO = Term Time Only, AYR = All Year Round

AUTUMN TERM – 2016/17

Wednesday 21st December

Last day of term for all children

SPRING TERM – 2016/17

Tuesday 3rd January

Children's Centre and school closed for Inset day

Wednesday 4th January

First day of term for BR, TR and N/Reception

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February

HALF TERM HOLS - Open for AYR children in BR, TR and N/Reception Playscheme only

Monday 20th February

Children's Centre and school closed for Inset day

Monday 3rd April to Thursday 13th April

EASTER HOLS - Open for AYR children in BR, TR and N/Reception Playscheme only

Friday 14th April and Monday 17th April

Children's Centre and school closed for Bank Holidays

SUMMER TERM – 2016/17

Tuesday 18th April

First day of term for BR, TR and N/Reception

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

HALF TERM HOLS - Open for AYR children in BR, TR and N/Reception Playscheme only

Friday 21st July

Last day of term – school and CC closes at 2pm for funded places
BR, TR and N open as normal for paying parents

Monday 24th July to Thursday 17th August

SUMMER HOLS - Open for AYR children in BR, TR and N/Reception Playscheme only