

PUDDLE-DUCKS PRE-SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEK BEGINNING FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER – Children in Need.

WEEK BEGINNING 9th DECEMBER – Please wear your Christmas jumpers all week.

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON

MONDAY 16th DECEMBER – Visit to Infant School to see Nativity play

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER - Puddle-Ducks CHRISTMAS party. PUDDLE-DUCKS CLOSES AFTER THE PARTY.

MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2025 - Puddle-Ducks re-opens in the New Year.

THIS TERMS THEME-

COLOURS & SHAPES

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start an Infant school in September 2025 you are urged to apply for your chosen school as soon as the website opens at **9am on 11th November**. Applications for a school place closes on 15th January 2025.

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions

CONTRACTS

During the next few weeks we will be asking parents to sign an updated contract with Puddle-Ducks. As this is a legal document your prompt attention in this matter would be much appreciated.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

If you have any war time memorabilia that you are willing to share with Puddle-Ducks please see Angela or Mandy.

CHILDREN IN NEED

During the week beginning 11th November the children will be baking Pudsey Bear biscuits to raise money for this wonderful charity. A donation of £2 would be gratefully received.

RECONFIRMATION OF FUNDING CODES – see overleaf

If you have any queries or concerns about any of this newsletter – please feel free to talk to your child's Key person who will endeavour to answer your queries.

FEES - £18 per session. Fees are payable half termly in advance and are due during the first week of term. If applicable your Invoice is attached.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON

We would like to invite all parents/carers/grandparents to celebrate Christmas with the children by taking art in our craft afternoon. Not only will it be fun but it also provides an excellent opportunity for you to experience a positive lay activity with your child.

This is open to everyone and we hope you will all join us between **2pm – 3pm on FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER** for lots of mayhem with glue, glitter & sequins.

INFANT SCHOOL NATIVITY

The children at Puddle-Ducks have been invited to watch the Reception children's nativity play. The children on the Monday session will walk to and from school under the supervision of Puddle-Ducks staff. As the play starts at 9.30am we will leave Puddle-Ducks promptly at 9.15am. If any parents could spare an hour to accompany us please speak to Angela or Mandy. Thank you.

RISING 5'S

For those children starting school in September 2025 our Rising 5's session will commence on Thursday 9th January. If you would like your child to attend this session please speak to Angela or Mandy.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

WELLIES - Could the children please bring a pair of named wellingtons or waterproof boots DAILY so that they can access the outdoors safely. The tarmac on the car park does not dry out quickly and can be quite slippery when wet.

For safety reasons wellingtons are not appropriate footwear for inside so could you also send a pair of indoor shoes for your child to change into.

PUDDLE-DUCKS CHRISTMAS PARTY

**FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER
11.30am - 1.30pm**

The cost of the party will be £3 payable in advance by 16th Dec.

(there will be no normal sessions on this day)

Lunch will be provided and hopefully Santa will pay us a visit at approx 1.30pm.

If anyone has any special dietary requirements see Angela or Mandy nearer the time.

PUDDLE-DUCKS WILL CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS AFTER THE PARTY AT 2 PM.

