



### **Robin's Update Friday 8th December 2017**

A heartfelt thank you to all those parents who helped walk the class to and from Gravesend Library. It was an exciting day despite the snow flurries! The behaviour of the pupils was impeccable and a credit to Holy Trinity CE Primary School. I am so proud of you Robins! Well done!

Robins have been learning about 'The Christmas Story' and why Christians celebrate Christmas as well as how the festival is celebrated. They have been rehearsing for the Nativity by practising words and actions as well as singing lots of Christmas songs. They have also completed various Christmas activities. Please look at the link below for further information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-christmas> Cbeebies Christmas

This week Robins have been igniting the passion for reading by bringing in their favourite book and talking about why it is special to them. They have also walked to Gravesend Library to share books with their families and friends. Finally, the week ended with them coming dressed as their favourite book/TV character. They have also learned about E-safety whilst exploring the 'Underwater Counting' game.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>

### **Reception Application for September 2017 intake Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 11.00 am and 3.00 pm**

Please remember that an online application **and** a school supplementary form needs to be completed before Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. A school supplementary form can be picked up from the office. Your child's original birth certificate or passport will be required as well as a letter from the church stating your commitment and a utility bill (not more than 3 months old) stating your current address. Please ensure you state 3 schools in order of preference, on your online application which for your child. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

### **Nursery Nativity – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Robins will be hosting their Nativity on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The Nursery gate will open promptly from 10.15 pm and the performance will start at 10.30 am. Younger siblings and families are welcome! Please remember that the younger sibling is the responsibility of the parent and should sit near the door if they need to exit the classroom to tend to their child. The children will be changed into their uniform by the Nursery staff once the performance has finished and then released to go home with their families.

We look forward to making this a memorable experience for your child! See you at the Nativity!

### **Nursery Christmas Party on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Nursery will be holding their Christmas party on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The food list will be displayed on the board outside the Nursery classroom. Please write your child's name next to the item of food you would like to provide for the party. Children are able to wear party clothes or come dressed in a Christmas theme such as Father Christmas, reindeer, snowman, elf, etc. on the day of the party. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Robins' Secret Mission

Robins' Secret Mission is to add pictures to the coloured sheet which represents their key group so that it can be used as a laminated place mat during snack time and in turn would encourage conversations with their friends about how unique they are, if you have not done so already and handed it to a member of the Nursery team. The pictures could be of their favourite food/drink/fruit, hobby, family, favourite television programme, football team, TV character, colour, holiday destination, home language, favourite toy, favourite book, etc I look forward to seeing your creations! If your child has completed the above mission, could you play a board game with your family and write down the score and who comes first, second and third in the game.

### Phonics Play to support your child at home

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) is a key resource being used with and enjoyed by the children during Phonics in Nursery. Nursery will be concentrating on Phase 1 whilst Phase 2 and 3 are taught in Reception. You are able to access the website using the login below:

Username: Admin123

Password: trinity

**Please remember that no jewellery is permitted in Nursery to maintain health and safety at all times. This includes ear rings, bangles, bracelets, necklaces and watches. A kara bangle (Sikh religion) can be worn in the Nursery but must be covered with a sweat band.**

### Healthy packed lunches for full time Nursery pupils

Please ensure that your child has a healthy packed lunch which includes a sandwich/roll/baguette/wrap, yoghurt, cut up fruit such as grapes, berries, banana, cheese strings/baby bel, mini sausages, scotch eggs cut in halves depending on size or any other healthy food choices. Your child may have a chocolate treat on a **Monday** such as a chocolate biscuit, chocolate yoghurt, chocolate pastry such as pain au chocolate/brioche. On a **Friday** your child may bring in a small packet of crisps. Thank you for supporting us in maintaining our healthy food status.

### Snack money

Don't forget to send in your child's snack money either £5.00 for each term or £30.00 for the year so that we may continue to provide healthy food experiences for your child.

### Dates for your diary:

<b>Pyjama Reading Day</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>Surprise guest</b>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
	Parents welcome from 10.30 am and 2.30 pm
<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>Nursery Nativity</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 10.30 am.
	Nursery gate opens promptly at 10.15 am
<b>Nursery Christmas Party</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>Pyjama and Toy day</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
	Please ensure your child's toy is name and a small size to fit in their School book bag.
<b>Nursery closes for Christmas break</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>Holy Trinity School Opens</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018