



# Buttons Nursery

## Newsletter

January 2018

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Buttons would like to take this opportunity to wish all parents, children and staff a Happy 2018. We hope that you have all had a great Christmas and that Santa brought you everything that you wished for.

We have lots to look forward to in 2018 including Nursery re-decoration, refurbishment and further investment in equipment and toys. As usual the children can look forward to lots of planned activities and visits including theatre trips and much more.

We are always keen to improve our services and the quality of care that we provide and welcome any feedback, good or bad.

We recently gave out Quality of Care Review Questionnaires to you all but not all of them have yet been returned. They are of great use to us to assess the quality of care that we provide, therefore we would like to remind those of you that have not already done so to complete it and place it in the box on the front counter. Please ask a member of staff if you require another copy.



On Thursday 25th January we will be celebrating Dydd Santes Dwynwen (Welsh for St. Dwynwen's Day). It is considered to be the Welsh equivalent to Valentine's Day and celebrates Dwynwen who is the Welsh saint of love. The popularity and celebration of St Dwynwen's day has increased considerably in recent years, with special events, such as concerts and parties, often held and greetings cards printed. Although still not as popular as St. Valentines day, St Dwynwen is certainly becoming better known among today's population of Wales.



*Happy 1st Birthday to Richie*

*Happy 2nd Birthday to Nathan*

*Happy 3rd Birthday to Alys*

*Happy 4th Birthday to Ethan*

*Happy Birthday from all of the staff at Buttons Nursery!*

Are you aware of our 'Refer a Friend Scheme'? Ask a member of staff for more details.

## Photograph Orders

For those of you that require photographs taken during our successful photography session by our professional photographer can you please ensure that all orders are placed no later than Friday 12th January so that we can submit final numbers.

# Christmas Party 2017

Our Christmas party held in December was a resounding success, and a fabulously festive time was had by all. The Children enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas, a special tea party, pass the parcel, face painting, balloons, and bubble catching. They also enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner cooked by our Chef, Rachel Bevan. They also made chocolate krispy present cakes and Christmas shaped biscuits which they enjoyed decorating with lots of icing and festive decorations.



Richie bubble catching



Richie enjoying the balloons



Special visit from Father Christmas at the Nursery



Amber wearing her Santa mask



Scarlett's present face painting



Zyba in her Christmas jumper



Maci-Rae opening a present from Santa



Pass the parcel



Yummy Christmas dinner!

# Noticeboard

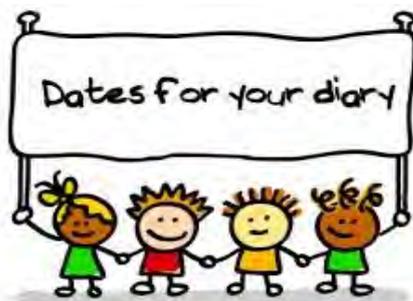
## 3+ Sessions

Funded sessions resume on Tue 9th January.

Application forms are available should you be interested in a funded place for your child (aged 3 or over).

We have recently signed up with HM Government for **Tax Free Childcare**. This is a **new online** Government service to help parents pay for childcare. For every £8 a parent pays in to their childcare account, the Government will add an extra £2, which equates to 20% of the overall cost. Parents can receive up to £2000 per child, per year towards their childcare costs. For more information and/or to register visit [www.childcare.tax.service.gov.uk](http://www.childcare.tax.service.gov.uk)

Buttons Nursery polo tops are now for sale at a discounted price of £6.50 each. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to purchase one.



- Fri 12th Jan—Photography orders deadline.
- Thu 25th Jan—Dydd Santes Dwynwen
- 29th Jan- 2nd Feb—National Storytelling Week. With visits to the library and storytelling sessions at Nursery



Congratulations to Gail for completing 'SALLEY Toolkit' Training. This was a language training program delivered by the foundation phase team.

## January & February Topic

Our new topic is Space. We have lots of activities planned to include star stamping and making alien head bands. The children will also be participating in various cooking activities and library outings to research space and astronauts.



We now have a Facebook page [www.facebook.com/buttonsnurserybrecon](http://www.facebook.com/buttonsnurserybrecon)

Please take a moment to like the page, rate us, or even provide a review.

