

Hello everyone,

I have watched the Nursery Christmas compilation online yesterday and had to write to say how ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL it is! What an amazing effort by everyone involved! I must admit, I have been feeling a little sorry for myself recently, having missed out on so much of the usual Christmas fun in school, but watching this (for about the 10th time) has really lifted my spirits. I have made it available to the rest of the Hendrefoilan staff and their praise for your fantastic video has been overwhelming. They now have a hard act to follow with their own filming this week!

As you know, I LOVE Christmas and was really disappointed not to be able to enjoy it with my Nursery class, doing festive things and making crafts but, seeing the children looking so happy in their beautifully decorated homes has made me feel a lot better. My decorations are still in the attic!

We should all be back in school on Monday 14th, for our final week before the holidays and I fully intend to make the most of it. Realistically, we won't be able to squeeze in all the activities I'd planned; I think the 'Snowman' craft, using socks and rice will have to be postponed until January (which is fine because that's often our coldest month) but we will still be as busy as Santa's little elves.

To help us achieve our aims, please could you send in (or dress your child in) a Christmas jumper on the Monday. I know our official Christmas Jumper/non-uniform day is the Thursday but we have a reason for asking them to wear one on the Monday. I won't tell you what it is because that would spoil the surprise but it involves taking festive photographs - I will say no more.

On Thursday we'll be having a little Christmas party in class, so instead of their usual fruit perhaps you could put some 'party food' in their snack-boxes (your choice - anything they like). This will tie in nicely with their coming to school in their Christmas jumpers to join in with the rest of the school.

One last request: please could you send back their library books so we can get them ready for going home again in January. We won't be sending a book home (or their Letter Sound Journals) over the holiday period. I suspect you will be too busy doing lots of fun things with your families.

Please could I also ask those of you who see these newsletters to share the information with anyone you are in contact with so that they don't miss out.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Mrs Kneath and the Nursery Team