



# Hollybank Pre-School News

**January 2021**

**Topics - Winter/Café/ - Concept - Hot/Cold**  
**Colours - Blue/White Number - 5 Shape - Rectangle**

## **WELCOME BACK!**

I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas Holiday Season and had a visit from `The Big Man`. We are looking forward to another exciting term and hearing the children sharing their experiences during the holidays.



We celebrated only one birthday in December Ivy turned four, and the children are fast becoming fluent at singing Happy Birthday in perfect harmony :-)

Another busy term begins and this month ahead. As you can see from the information supplied above we continue to progress with a new shape, number and colours and ask for your help and input reinforcing your child's learning. If anyone has any old Christmas cards make use of them at home by having your child practice their cutting skills.

Can I ask that the children refrain from bringing toys in from home as some of these are being broken or lost causing undue distress to the children.

**TOPICS** - Winter/ Cafe - We will be discussing the changing seasons with the children, talking about frost, ice and snow and making arts and crafts within this theme. Our café will help promote awareness of people in our environment and extend mathematical skills and logical thinking.. I would encourage all families to join and make use of their local library and establish early awareness in the services they provide. Reading to your child provides numerous benefits in a holistic way to their learning process.

**CONCEPT** - Hot & Cold - The children will be given opportunities to examine pictures of hot and cold objects and discuss their differences making comparisons between the two. This also provides an additional opportunity to talk about personal safety within the home.

**COLOURS** - Blue & White    **SHAPE** - Rectangle    **NUMBER** - 5

Two colours this month again as both are so relevant to our winter topic and will be used on numerous occasions. The rectangle shape can be a tricky one for some of the children to master because of its similarities to the square, please take the time to point out windows, televisions and any other rectangles they might encounter on a daily basis, to add to their learning process. The number 5 continues our sequence and once number 10 is reached as per our pre-school curriculum we then revise the numbers 1 to 10.

**STORY TIME** - As always our stories will incorporate both the areas of learning for the month alongside the children's requests and interests. Some of this month's titles we will read are: Teddy's Snowy Day/ The Winter Bear/ Peace at Last/ One Snowy Night.

**CRAFTS** - The children will be producing a range of winter snowflakes, penguins along with winter wear including mitts/hats along with rectangular shaped wax & paint splatting pictures.

**MUSIC** - As well as using our wide range of instruments to explore sounds and rhyme we will be singing and reciting songs and rhymes including - Frosty the Snowman, Jack Frost, Five Little Fingers and 1,2,3,4,5, Once I caught A Fish Alive.

**\*PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS COLLECTED PROMPTLY AT 11.30 AS THEY CAN BECOME ANXIOUS IF THEY ARE NOT COLLECTED WITH THE OTHER CHILDREN\***

THANK YOU for all your support with our Christmas Ballot, we raised over £100.00!!! A super result, and are currently planning what we are going to purchase for your children this term. Congratulations again to our winner Harrison :-)

Please remember to keep staff updated of any changes in contact numbers and or email addresses. Also please ensure that a change of clothing is placed in the gym bag supplied on your child's peg in case dry clothing are needed after water play.

Lorraine Brier :-)  
Pre-School Leader

**APPLICATIONS FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND PRIMARY ONE ARE NOW ONLY  
AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA THE EDUCATION AUTHORITY WEBSITE**

**ADMISSION OPENS AT 12.00 NOON ON THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY  
2021 AND CLOSSES ON FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY 2021 AT 12.00 NOON.**

This is site and link for the Education Authority website containing all relevant information and application process.

Admissions - Education Authority  
[www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk) > parents > admissions

**Reminder of Mid Term Closure -**

**Pre-School will be closed from Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February,  
re-opening on Monday 22nd February 2021**