

# Diamond Class Weekly News Wb:27.11.23



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Class email: [diamond@sparhawk.school](mailto:diamond@sparhawk.school)

We check emails daily but not during class teaching time.



This week we have been learning about 'Evergreen' trees using the book 'The Lonely Christmas Tree' by Chris Naylor-Balesteros.

Dates for the Diary:

Reception classes 2024-please register on the Norfolk County Council website by 15th January 2024.

You need to apply for admission to reception for September 2024 if your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020.

Link: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-to-reception-classes>

Th 30<sup>th</sup> Book worm book sale after school  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> December, 8.30-9.30- SEND coffee morning- what services/support is available to all

FOSSA Christmas wrapping- This is available to all Nursery children whatever their day – we will do it in class

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.30am-Nursery Christmas songs

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Diamonds will be singing some Celebration songs to parents/carers from the year so far in the hall at 9.30am. All children are welcome (even if it is not their session)- extra children please come to the Diamond door for 9.00am on this day and you will collect from here after the performance. Christmas jumpers or non-uniform if your child would like:)

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec- last day of term

We have thought a lot about trees and if they are 'Evergreen' or not. Try to have a look this weekend and see if you can spot any.



We have also learned a little bit about St. Andrews Day this week. A celebration for people who live in Scotland which is part of the United Kingdom which is where we all live.



**School Values - These are woven into our school week:**

Respect Collaboration Inquiry Inclusion Achievement Safety Confidence Independence

## DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this first week where there are lots of new things for us all to learn-the process can take a little time especially at the start of the year.

In the morning it is lovely that you are able to come into Nursery again but if you prefer to drop in the cloakroom and go this is also fine.

At pick up we try to get the children ready in the order of the queue which can be tricky at times-please try to let us see your faces! **We ask just be one parent/carer to come up to the door and only one family at a time please-in the long run we have found this to be a safer, quicker way to do things. Please allow parent/carers with upset children to go first.**

If anyone new is picking up please let us know in the morning or via the school office – a password can be set if it is someone new or if they have not picked up for a long while.

## BIRTHDAYS

In the past many families have liked to celebrate with their class by bringing in small sweets to share. Due to an increase in allergies and for healthy bodies we will no longer do this as a school. If you would like to celebrate with the class we would love a book donation(new or pre-loved) and we will share this with the class on the day and add a book plate to celebrate. This is, of course, entirely optional 😊

## TAPESTRY ONLINE LEARNING JOURNEY

As discussed at the home visit this is a safe and secure way of seeing how your children are learning in class in Nursery – we aim to update this each day from now on but do not want to over-use the Ipad during learning time when our focus is learning and playing with your child.

Parents/Carers with siblings- you should be able to access all siblings via your log in-if not then please email the class email or Mrs Goldsworthy(see below)

Parents/Carers new to school – you will receive an email which will prompt you to set up a Tapestry account. If you do not receive one then please email class email or Mrs Goldsworthy(see below)

This year we aim to keep you informed(in addition to the class newsletter) by:

1. Talking to you, where possible at drop off/pick up.
2. Posting class activities relevant to learning – this may involve whole class times that your child has been part of(even if they are not in any photos) to help to give you a flavor of what we have been doing and could provide a talking point at home.
- 3.Offering an Autumn and Spring term parents meeting and either a Summer term ‘report’ or another meeting(TBC)
4. Informal chats requested by you or us to support the learning while your child is in Nursery.

## Why Tapestry ?

These links may be useful to help you to learn about how and why play is important and how to add your own observations from home.

To learn about why play is so important now and at any age!

<https://tapestry.info/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/Why-do-we-play.pdf>

To help you add an observation of fun and learning at home

<https://tapestry.info/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/07/Adding-Observations.pdf>

Please email Mrs Goldsworthy who is our administrator of Tapestry on: [KGoldsworthy@sparhawk.school](mailto:KGoldsworthy@sparhawk.school) if you have any issues with logging in to Tapestry.