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**Christmas is coming**

We have a fun filled time of Christmas events planned for the children at Sunbeams. This is also a time of year when we look forward to parents and grandparents joining us at our events. If you have any further questions after reading this newsletter, please ask. Seasons greetings from *Mrs Angela*

**Autumn special offers –** Christmas shopping sessions or one-off sessions for other appointments are available at Sunbeams and maybe especially useful to parents of younger children. If you are interested, or know of someone who maybe, please email for more details at [alderholtsunbeams@gmail.com](mailto:alderholtsunbeams@gmail.com)



### Christmas Diary Dates

- **Monday 3th Dec – M&M production of Jack and the Beanstalk at St. James school**
- **Tuesday 4th Dec. – Carols at Alderholt Coop – 10.30 am. Parents welcome to join us.**
- **Thursday 6th Dec – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Tuesday 11th Dec – Carols at the Forest Edge café – 10.15am**
- **Wednesday 12th Dec. – pre-school room nativity show – see details below – VERY IMPORTANT**
- **Thurs. 13th Dec. – Bus ride to St. James church for Carols with St James school**
- **Friday 14th Dec – Friends of St. James Christmas Fair – 3-5pm**
- **Mon 17th – Supertots Christmas Craft and Party Lunch 10am – 12noon**
- **Monday 17th Dec – Last day of term for term time bookings –**
- **Sunbeams remains open for children who attend for 50 weeks a year.**
- **Thursday 20th Dec – Family room annual Christmas tea, crafts and songs 1-3pm**
- **Friday 21st Dec – Family room last day of the year**
- **Thurs. 3rd Jan – Sunbeams open**
- **Mon. 7th Dec - New term starts**

**Singing at Forest Edge Café –** Tuesday 11th Dec. at 10.15 am - The pre-school children will walk to the café to sing the songs they have been practicing. We plan to wear Christmas jumpers if you have them. We will return to Sunbeams by 11am. EVERYONE is welcome to join us at the Café at 10.15 – lovely coffee available

**CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE HELP NEEDED –** Free mince pie to all volunteers. If you can spare the time to join us when we walk the children to these fun events please speak to Angela:

- Tuesday 4th Dec to sing carols at the Co-Op – 10.30 - 11am
- Tuesday 11th Dec to The Forest Edge Cafe – 10.15 – 11am



This year we are looking forward being joined by the Hedgehogs class singing carols at the Co Op. Together we will be collecting pennies to develop the Forest School.

### **Christmas Dinner – Thursday 7th Dec Christmas Jumper Day**

This will be roast turkey with all the trimmings, including sprouts and pigs in blankets, mini Chocolate Brownies and mince pies, with crackers and decorations. If your child usually has a packed lunch you can book this great lunch for £2.50.



**Christmas Hamper Raffle:-** WOW what a lovely selection of prizes, chocolate, toys and pamper hampers.

STAR PRZE - BOTTLE of WHISKEY or Churchill Pub voucher. Please sell lots of tickets.



## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Pre-school Nativity Story and Songs Performance

The show is a little different this year as it is during term time and as such the pre-school room is open as usual. Many of the children will already be at Sunbeams but please bring in children who do not attend on Tuesday and please come and watch. The show will finish in time for you to collect older children from school.

Timings for the afternoon are as follows –

- 1.45pm – children not already in Sunbeams on Tuesday are brought to the pre-school room. Extra children arrive from 1.45 – come over to hall for 2.10 pm. Sing then Santa paws. Normal 3pm end of day
- 1.50pm – Hall is open for Parents. Younger children and visitors can go to the school hall for Refreshments and Christmas Hamper Raffle draw.
- 2.10pm Pre-school children arrive on the stage.
- 2.40 p.m. Santa's little helper arrives with a Santa treat for each child.
- At the end of the afternoon parents collect the children's Christmas bags and coats from the Sunbeams classroom and take children home.
- 3.00 p.m. Pre-school closes as usual.



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The Family Room children will join the fun and, also receive a gift from Santa Paws.



### Christmas Post Box

If your child would like to post a card to their friends at Sunbeams they can post them in the lovely post box by the front door. Please clearly name all cards. The box will close on Wednesday 12th Dec.

**Christmas Tea and Crafts** – Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1-3 p.m. - parents and children from the Family room and any that attend during the school holidays are invited to join the team for mince pies, hot chocolate and Christmas crafts and songs. There will also be a small Christmas treat for each child from Santa Paws.

**Maternity recruitment** - As some of you may be aware Mrs Amy has started her maternity leave and Miss Jaz will be starting maternity leave in the new year. We are happy to welcome Mrs Sam to the family room to help cover maternity leave. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to them both and will let you know as soon as we have news of the new arrivals.

**School Admissions – Sept 2019** - If your child turns 4 before 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2019 they can start school in September 2019. Please apply online at [www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions) if you live in Dorset and 1 [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) if you live in Hampshire. The closing date for all counties is 15th January 2019.

**End of Term / Christmas closures and New Year Opening** - Children booked in for term time attendances last day of the term is Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Those attending Sunbeams for 50 weeks a year the last day for the Family Room is Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. Sunbeams reopens on Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 19 for full time children and on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 19 for term time bookings. If you require extra sessions after 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. please speak to Angela or Kealey.

**Free Letter from Santa - From the Royal Mail** - send your child's letter by the Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. in an envelope with a stamp to Santa/Father Christmas, Santa's Grotto, Reindeerland, XM4 5HQ – Include your full name and address so Santa can write back.

**Winter clothing** – It is said that there is no wrong weather just the wrong clothing. At Sunbeams children need very water proof clothing as they love to play out in the rain, splashing in the puddles. The pre-school room has free access to the playground and while Sunbeam provides some welly boots parents need to provide warm water proof winter clothing. Hats and gloves are necessary too, please label with your child's name.

**Winter closures** – Thank you for your understanding when there was no electricity the other morning. This shows us that it is not just snow that can cause a nursery closure. Generally if St. James school is closed for snow or health and safety reasons Sunbeams is closed too. We aim to inform parents by email and put it on our closed facebook page 'Alderholt Sunbeams Pre-school and Day Nursery' you have to request to join this page. Please keep us up to date with your contact details.

# Supertots

Monday 17th December  
10-11.30am

Alderholt Village Hall

## Mini Bounce Christmas Party!

£2.50 per child (under 1s free)

Party food, raffle, free gift

**Santa Visit!**



Tickets available from Sunbeams or Supertots