**PLAY DATES**

Play dates have been organised. Please speak to you child’s key worker if you would like to attend. This is an opportunity for you to spend an hour sharing your child’s learning journey folio with them and having some fun in the nursery playing alongside your child! There is also an informal opportunity to chat with your child’s key worker.

**PEEP**

This is a great way to spend fun time enhancing your child’s learning and development and make some friends. Groups currently running within Woodburn Primary school are as follows – **Wednesday** PEEP nursery 12.45 - 1.45 **Thursdays** PEEP Ones 9.15 - 10.15 PEEP Babies 10.20 - 11.20 **Fridays** PEEP nursery 9.00-10.00 PEEP Twos 10.00 -11.00



**Reminders**

* Story sacks library every Thursday for pre- school children. See notice boards for allocated groups.
* Play dates have been organised. Please speak to your child’s key worker if you would like to attend.
* Snack - our records show that some parents are still due snack money. The cost from August – December is £24. This money does not just support snack costs but subsidises outings, Zoo Lab and enhances resources for the children.
* Noticeboards - Please ensure you read them regularly.

**END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS**

Friday 18th December – ONLY AM children attend. PM children will finish Thursday 17th December.

Nursery closes at 11.40pm for Christmas holidays.

\*\* To compensate for the PM group missing this session on Friday 18th December the PM class will attend the FRIDAY MORNING on the last day of the Summer term Friday 1st July and AM children will finish on THURSDAY 30th JUNE 2016.\*\* This ensures both classes have an equal amount of sessions over the school year.

**Diary**  **Thursday 26th November** – School Photographer

**Saturday 5th December** – School Fair 11am-1pm

**Tuesday 8th December** - Nursery Christmas Sing- a- long 11am and 2pm

**Thursday 17th December** – Christmas Parties PM children finish

**Friday 18th December** – AM children only NO PM session

**Tuesday 5th January** – INSET DAY School & Nursery closed

**Wednesday 6th January** – Children return normal session times.

**CHRISTMAS** C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0183290.wmf

Can we ask that **one** Christmas card is sent into nursery for all the children rather than lots of individual ones. This saves you time and money!

Arts & Crafts Day – this year the nursery children will be making small bags of gifts which can be purchased at the school fair. We are having a day where you can come in and join in with this fun activity and help produce the goods!

Dates - Tuesday 24th November, Wednesday 25th November and Friday 27th November Times – 9.00-10.00am and 1.00-2.00pm

**WOODBURN NURSERY CLASS NEWSLETTER**   **12th November 2015**

**Thank you**

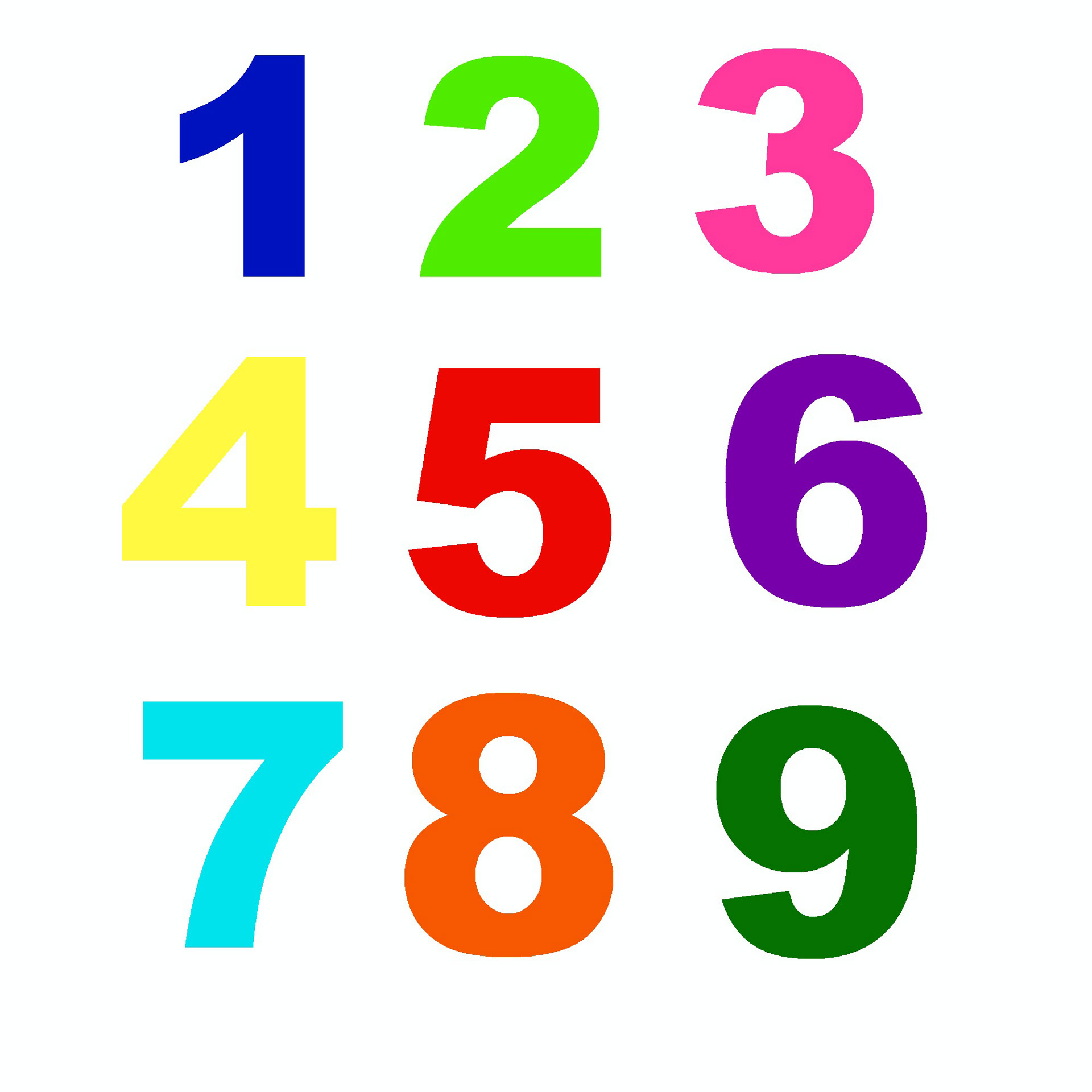
Welcome to our second newsletter this session. We are now heading into the colder, damper days so can I remind parents to make sure children arrive at nursery with coats and appropriate items for colder weather. Please ensure that items do have your child’s name written on them if possible. Due to this time of year many germs and illnesses start to appear. Can I remind parents to inform the school office of any absences and to use the school mobile or nursery phone on Friday afternoons. Telephone numbers are – Office 0131 271 4715 Nursery 0131 271 4716 Mobile (Fri. PM only) 07908640474 *Children with sickness and diarrhoea should remain absent for 48 hours after the last bout of illness.* A plea for boxes of tissues if you have not already donated a box to Nursery.

I would like to thank the parents who were involved in giving recent feedback relating to their child’s enrolment and settling in period at nursery. We have considered and implemented some of your wishes and appreciate the very positive stars you gave us. We will continue to work in partnership with you over the session.

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**Staffing**

Our Senior Child Care and Development worker, Mrs Stacey Burns-Clark will be starting her maternity leave. Her last day at nursery will be Wednesday 25th November. We wish her well in her new role as a mum. The post has been advertised and parents will be notified of her replacement shortly. Mrs Burns-Clark plans to return in May 2016.

** Learning & Teaching **

We have had lots of exciting things happening since returning from our October holiday. The children have had great interest in learning about their ‘senses’. We did walks in the local area, tasting sessions, Zoo Lab visit as well as lots of activities within the playroom. Please take time to look at our ‘Senses’ floor book which is displayed on the table in the nursery corridor.

The children have also had great fun exploring lots of sensory experiences. We have used cereals, paint, cornflour and water, shaving foam and porridge oats and water to investigate their properties and discuss the textures which prompted lots of discussion and descriptive words!!

Festivals and celebrations have also featured in the nursery, such as Harvest, Bonfire Night and Diwali. We have started focused group times to support children in numeracy, literacy, fine motor and music and movement.

We are continuing our developments outdoors and are planting winter pansies, awaiting an outdoor sand pit and hope to have some manual support to dig in our tyres and provide a sensory path very shortly.

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