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Dear Parents/Carers,

Weekly Newsletter Autumn 2 Week 7**Happy Christmas!**

Our Christmas recording is being added to Tapestry for you all to view. As with any photos or videos which show more than your own child we ask that, for safeguarding purposes, you do not share these anywhere.

We had a very exciting day in school today, we had a very special visitor from the North Pole this Morning as Santa stopped by for a visit. Photos and videos are being added to Tapestry for you all to see. It was a truly magical experience for the children and one which we hope they have as a treasured Newstead memory. This afternoon we have had our very first Newstead Christmas party with, pass the parcel, festive buns and some Christmas dancing with music from our in-house resident DJ – DJ Steve.

We hope that you all have a wonderful, happy and safe Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Adverse Weather Arrangements/School Closure Reminder

I thought it would be worthwhile sharing a reminder of the information about school procedures in the event of the need to close. If school was unable to open, we would notify parents as early as possible (and before 8am) via text message and then follow up with a phone call to between 9am and 10am from the class teacher to discuss activities to be completed and suggest different strategies and techniques which may be implemented to help complete these. The activities would be simple, could be completed at home and may link directly to your child's EHCP.

Reminder of term dates

Christmas Holidays – Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024

INSET Day – Monday 8th January 2024

Return to school – Tuesday 9th January 2024

February Half Term – Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Easter Holidays – Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024

Early May bank holiday – Monday 6th May 2024

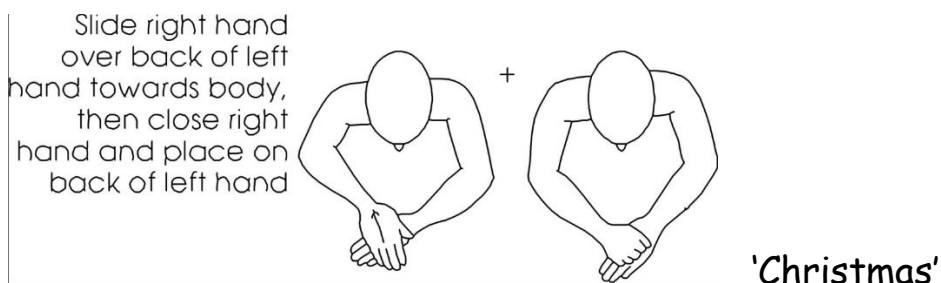
May Spring Bank Half Term – Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Finish for the Summer holidays – Friday 19th July 2024

INSET day - Monday 22nd July

Sign of the Week

This week our sign has been 'Christmas'.



What have we been learning this week?

Theresa's Hive - Hive 1 have done some fantastic work in maths, understanding and investigating big and small. We have enjoyed learning about Christmas and have made lots of festive treats to bring home.

Vic's Hive - This week we have enjoyed some more seasonal craft activities. We have used our cutting, sticking and printing skills to produce some calendars and cards that we have brought home. In Phonics we have been working on the g sound and we were fantastic at naming and drawing some objects beginning with the sound.

Craig's Hive - This week in Craig's hive we have been measuring, learning how to use a ruler properly, where to put it on a line to measure and how to use it to draw our own lines, we have also had a great time making you some festive treats.

Once again, have a wonderful and very happy Christmas from all of the Newstead team.

Many thanks,

Lauren Norton,
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